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**CHINESE LANGUAGE.**  
Difference Between the Written Char-  
acters and Speech.

The dialects or languages of the Chi-  
nese empire are very numerous and  
dissimilar. Thus a Chinese speaking  
the dialect of the Kwangtung (Canton)  
province is not understood by a Chi-  
nese residing in the neighboring pro-  
vince of Fukien. The language or dia-  
lect spoken at Shanghai would be quite  
strange to the people residing at Peking.

Written characters of Chinese are,  
however, understood and recognized  
by sight throughout the whole empire  
in the same manner as our Arabic nu-  
merals 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., are recognized  
by the eye throughout Europe. But as  
these numerals when pronounced or  
read have entirely different sounds at-  
tached to them in England, France,  
Germany, Italy, etc., so the Chinese  
written characters are spoken in to-  
tally different words and sounds in  
the several provinces of China, with,  
however, the important exception that  
the mandarin language is spoken or  
understood more or less throughout  
three-fourths of China or, roughly  
speaking, in nearly all the provinces  
north and west of the river Yangtze.

The language known as Wen-li is the  
medium by which the classical books  
of China have been handed down. It  
is par excellence the written language  
of China, but it is not generally un-  
derstood by the great mass of the people.  
The spoken language—viz. Mandarin—  
may also be written, and there is a  
good deal of colloquial literature in  
Mandarin. Versions of the Bible in the  
local patois have also been produced in  
several districts of the southeast,  
where the dialects are very numerous  
and diverse.

In the Chinese written language  
there are over 40,000 distinct charac-  
ters or symbols, and this vast number  
is being constantly increased by the  
addition of new characters to repre-  
sent new scientific words and modern  
ideas.

Although the Chinese are considered  
a literary people and have naturally a  
desire for education, yet owing to the  
extreme difficulty of mastering the  
Chinese characters it is estimated that  
only one in ten of the population can  
read or write.—Contemporary Review.

**LIVED AFTER HANGING.**  
Men and Women Who Survived the  
Ordeal of the Scaffold.  
Innumerable instances of resuscita-  
tion after hanging are recorded. Hen-

ry III. granted a pardon to a woman  
named Inetta de Balsam, who was  
suspended from 9 o'clock on a Mon-  
day to sunrise of Thursday and after-  
ward "came to." Dr. Plot tells of a  
Swiss who was hanged up thirteen  
times without effect on account of the  
peculiar condition of his windpipe, it  
having been converted into bone by  
disease.

Annie Green, a servant girl, was  
hanged at Oxford in 1650 and recover-  
ed fourteen hours afterward under a  
doctor's treatment. Mrs. Cope, who  
was hanged at the same place eight  
years later, also recovered. On Sept.  
2, 1724, Margaret Dickson was hanged  
at Edinburgh and recovered while be-  
ing carried to the grave. She lived  
for many years afterward and was  
universally known as "Half Hanged  
Maggie Dickson."

A housebreaker named Smith was  
hanged at Tyburn in 1705. A reprieve  
came when he had been suspended a  
quarter of an hour. He was cut down,  
bled and revived. William Duell, hanged  
in London in 1740, revived and was  
transported. A man hanged in Cork  
in 1765 was taken in hand by a  
physician who brought him round in  
six hours, and we are told the fellow  
had the nerve to attend a theatrical  
performance the same evening.

Richard Johnson, hanged at Shrews-  
bury, Oct. 3, 1696, obtained a promise  
from an undersheriff to place him in  
the coffin without changing his clothes.  
After hanging half an hour he still  
showed signs of life, and on examina-  
tion it was found he had wrapped  
cords about his body connected with  
hooks at the neck which prevented the  
rope from doing its work. The  
apparatus was removed and the man  
hanged effectually.

It may be offered in explanation of  
the cases mentioned that there was no  
drop used at executions in those days,  
the culprit usually suffering asphyxia  
without the cerebral column being  
broken.—London Tit-Bits.

**Grim Comedy.**  
A certain young actress was con-  
stantly irritated by the pompous be-  
havior of the actor-manager in whose  
company she was playing.  
"Now, Miss Blank," said the great  
one, "you'll have an opportunity to  
show your talents in another direction.  
I've cast you for a dandy part, small,  
but 'fat.' And you'll have a chance to  
study me in a new role. You've never  
seen me do farce comedy, have you?"  
"Yes, I have," contradicted Miss  
Blank: "I've seen your Macbeth."

**The Pain of It.**  
"I wouldn't have minded being whip-  
ped so much," said the young culprit.  
"If the teacher hadn't said that my  
punishment hurt him more than it did  
me."  
"That oughtn't to make you feel any  
worse."  
"Well, it did. What he punished me  
for was telling stories."

**Barred Out.**  
"Don't you feel well?" asked a friend.  
"Not very," answered Mr. Cumrox.  
"Why don't you go home?"  
"I can't. Mother and the girls are  
giving a tea, and I'm not invited."—  
Washington Star.

Misery may love company, but it  
doesn't entertain its company very well.  
**WOULD HAVE SHOT HIM.**

Quaint Story of Marshal Soult and  
Louis Philippe.

In the reign of Louis Philippe Victor  
Hugo was a frequent and welcome  
guest at the Tuilleries. Here is one of  
his anecdotes of the time as told in  
Victor Hugo's memoirs:

"A few days ago the king said to  
Marshal Soult in the presence of others,  
'Marshal, do you remember the  
siege of Cadiz?'"

"Rather, sire, I should think so. I  
swore enough before that cursed Cadiz.  
I invested the place and was forced to  
go away as I had come."

"Marshal, while you were before it  
I was inside it."

"I know, sire."

"The cortes and the British cabinet  
offered me the command of the Span-  
ish army."

"I remember, sire."

"The offer was a grave one. I hesi-  
tated long. Bear arms against France?  
For my family it is possible, but  
against my country! I was greatly  
perplexed. At this juncture you asked  
me through a trustworthy person for a  
secret interview in a little house situ-  
ated on the Cortadura, between the  
city and your camp. Do you remember  
the fact, M. Marshal?"

"Perfectly, sir. The day was fixed  
and the interview arranged."

"And I did not turn up?"

"That is so."

"Do you know why?"

"I never knew."

"I will tell you. As I was prepar-  
ing to meet you the commander of the  
English squadron, apprised of the mat-  
ter I know not how, dropped upon me  
brusquely and warned me that I was  
about to fall into a trap; that Cadiz  
being impregnable, they despaired of

seizing me, but that at Cortadura I  
would be arrested by you; that the em-  
peror wished to make the Duc d'Or-  
leans a second volume of the Duc d'En-  
ghien, and that you would have  
me shot instantly. There, really, I ad-  
ded the king, with a smile, 'your hand  
on your conscience, were you going to  
shoot me?'"

"The marshal remained silent for a  
moment, then replied: 'No, sire. I  
wanted to compromise you.' The sub-  
ject of the conversation was changed.  
A few minutes later the marshal took  
leave of the king, and the king, as he  
watched him go, said, with a smile, to  
the person who had heard the conver-  
sation: 'Compromise! Compromise! Today  
it is called compromise. In reality he  
would have shot me.'"

**GALLERY WIT.**

Sometimes the Actors Turn the Tables  
on the Interrupters.

Some amusing instances of the wit  
and humor of the gallery and pit  
patrons of the drama are printed in the  
English Illustrated Magazine. On one  
of the first nights of the opera of "Cy-  
mon" at Drury Lane a dissatisfied crit-  
ic when Mr. Vernon began the last air  
in the fourth act, "Torn from me, torn  
from me! Which way did they take  
her?" immediately sang in the exact  
time of the air, to the astonishment of  
the audience, "Why, toward Long Acre,  
toward Long Acre!"

Vernon was for a moment stunned;  
but, recovering himself, he sang in re-  
joinder: "Ho, ho! Did they so? Then,  
I'll overtake her! I'll soon overtake  
her!" and precipitately ran off amid  
the plaudits of the whole house.

In "Sancho Panza," a comedy in  
three acts, by Dufreni, the duke says  
at the beginning of the third act, "I be-  
gin to get tired of Sancho." "So do I,"  
said a wag in the pit, taking his hat  
and walking out. This sealed the fate  
of the piece.

When John Reeve was playing Bom-  
bastas at Bristol upon being stabbed  
by Artixomus he denied the fairness  
of the thrust and, appealing to the pit,  
said, "It is not fair, sir, is it?" A bald-  
headed gentleman who probably took  
the whole representation to be serious  
and to whom Reeve directed his glance  
replied, "Really, sir, I cannot say, for  
I don't fence."

Barry Sullivan, the Irish tragedian,  
was playing in "Richard III." some  
years ago at Shrewsbury. When he  
came to the line, "A horse! A horse!  
My kingdom for a horse!" some one in  
the pit called out, "Wouldn't a donkey  
suit you, Mr. Sullivan?" "Yes," re-  
sponded the tragedian, turning quick-  
ly on the interrupter; "please come  
round to the stage door."

**How Red Herring Came.**  
The first red herring was accidental-  
ly produced in England many years  
ago by a fisherman who, having a sur-  
plus of fresh herring, hung them up in  
a smoky shed to dry and then forgot  
all about them. When he looked at  
them some time after he found that  
they had changed in color. The king,  
to whom the fishes were presented,  
was so interested that he gave permis-  
sion to the fisherman to exhibit them  
around the country as strange mon-  
sters.

**His Nerve Good.**  
Dissatisfied Committeeman—You  
made a dismal failure in your effort to  
please our audience. I shall not pay  
your fee in full.

Egotistic Lecturer—Oh, indeed, you  
must, sir! I assure you I worked much  
harder than I should have had to labor  
with a less difficult audience. Besides,  
think how much rarer a sight I have  
given you by failing than I should  
have given if I had succeeded!—Ly-  
ceumite and Talent.

**Not Unlikely.**  
The following appeared recently in  
a schoolboy's essay:

"A long time ago England was once  
a foreign country. England has much  
coal beds. When it is finished we shall  
have to use our brains for fuel, and it  
will be scarce."—London Pick-Me-Up

**Different Stars.**  
An "Auld Kirk" man was being  
shown through the new United Pres-  
byterian church in a town in the west  
of Scotland. Gazing at the stars paint-  
ed on the ceiling, he inquired their  
meaning.

"Oh," was the reply, "you know  
what the book says—'He made the  
stars also?'"

"Weel," observed the man, "ye ken  
the differ between your kirk and oors?  
It's this—ye hae your stars on the  
ceillin', and we've oors in the poolpit!"

**Her Sweet Friend.**  
Miss Elder—The idea of his pretend-  
ing that my hair was gray! Miss Pep-  
pery—Ridiculous! Miss Elder—Wasn't  
it, though? Miss Peppery—Yes. Just  
as if you'd buy gray hair.—Exchange.

**She Knew a Good Thing.**  
Mistress—Bridget, I hope the baker  
sent us fresh macaroons today. Bridg-  
et—Yes, ma'am. They wuz grand.  
They wuz that good I ate them, ivery  
wan.—New York Times.

### WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Washington D. C., Mar. 19, 1908.—  
Senator LaFollette has come out as  
an important figure in national poli-  
tics. He has always been regarded  
as more or less of a free lance al-  
though nominally a Republican. He  
is possessed of radical ideas and  
seems independent enough not to  
care particularly whether they be ac-  
cepted by the rest of his party or  
not. He made his most important  
speech of the session this week in  
an attack on the Aldrich bill. His  
main attack on the proposed new  
currency law was aimed at its  
adoption of railroad bonds as a  
basis for bank note circulation. This  
he said would tend to give  
railroad securities an official and  
almost sacred character and would  
effectually block the way to any in-  
vestigation as to the physical value  
of railroad properties. In connec-  
tion with his attack on this feature  
of the Aldrich bill Senator La  
Follette took occasion to trace the  
history of the recent money panic  
and the resultant commercial de-  
pression, saying that the whole  
thing was a carefully staged piece  
of business and that while the de-  
pression was real enough so far as  
wage earners are concerned it had  
been artificially produced by finan-  
ciers who knew exactly what they  
were doing when they started it.

This probably is quite true for  
the files of the Interstate Commerce  
Commission now contain a state-  
ment sent out some months before  
the panic started threatening just  
the disasters that have come to pass  
and intimating how they could be  
most effectually produced by rail-  
road manipulation. This circular  
was not intended to fall into the  
hands of the Interstate Commerce  
Commission. It was prepared and  
sent out by the railroad and Stand-  
ard Oil element that has all along  
fought the reform policy of Presi-  
dent Roosevelt. That a copy of it  
did reach the Interstate Commerce  
Commission was a mere accident  
but the Commission realized then  
and must see even more plainly  
now just how the big financial men  
of the country were able by com-  
bination to produce the sort of a  
panic out of which they could make  
money and which would hurt every  
one in the community except them-  
selves.

Senator La Follette has arisen to  
an importance not hitherto allowed  
him in the minds of the Republican  
leaders in Congress. It is estimated  
that he may be the rock that will  
split the Republican ship and  
though there is little prospect of  
his being elected President many of  
the Republican leaders fear that his  
nomination would indirectly mean  
defeat for the Republican party. It  
is understood that William R.  
Hearst intends backing Senator La  
Follette for the Republican nomi-  
nation with all the strength of the  
Independent League behind him.

It was thought until recently that  
the Hearst League would throw its  
support to the Democrats and  
would nominate some candidate op-  
posed to Bryan. It now appears,  
however, that the League will de-  
clare in support of the Republican  
party and if it succeeds in getting  
Senator La Follette to run the mere  
fact that he is running and has been  
regarded as a Republican party  
man is sure to have its effect in the  
coming election. When it was  
thought that Mr. Hearst was  
merely fighting Bryan it was con-  
ceded at Republican headquarters  
that possibly he could capture  
enough voters to seriously threaten  
Democratic success. This was  
good medicine from a Republican  
standpoint but now that the shoe is  
on the other foot the Republican  
managers are worried.

Two minor international situations  
that have been worrying the State  
Department a little are settling  
down. The news from Haiti indi-  
cates that quiet is being restored in  
the island republic and there will

be no necessity for foreign inter-  
vention. Three American warships  
have been on guard at Haitian ports  
this week and these with one Ger-  
man, one French and two English  
cruisers have discouraged turbu-  
lence on the part of the native  
government. It was thought for a  
time that either the United States  
or the European powers would have  
to intervene in Haiti and perhaps  
set up a provisional government as  
the United States has in Cuba.  
Apparently the powers did not  
want a joint elephant on their  
hands for they announced with one  
accord that they were thoroughly  
in harmony with the plan of the  
United States and would be  
graciously pleased to have this  
country do anything it wished with  
or to Haiti and foot the bills at the  
same time. President Nord Alexis  
of the Haitian republic realized that  
the combination against him was too  
strong to trifle with and having  
already executed his most imme-  
diate enemies in the revolution an-  
nounced that he would be good and  
make no further trouble. So Ameri-  
can warships will be kept on duty  
in the immediate neighborhood of  
Haiti for some time and the other  
foreign cruisers will be at liberty  
to go home.

It has been formally announced  
by the Navy Department that  
Rear Admiral Sperry will be elected  
to take the battleship squadron on  
the remainder of its world cruise  
from San Francisco in July. Ad-  
miral Robly D. Evans will retire for  
age in August and Admiral Sperry  
will have the honor of supreme com-  
mand for the remainder of the  
voyage.

### A HOSPITAL FOR SMALL ANIMALS.

In M. Lepinay, a leading veteri-  
nary surgeon of Paris, small animals  
have found a firm friend. Under  
his guidance a society has been  
formed for alleviating or painlessly  
terminating the sufferings of dis-  
eased or crippled animals. Dogs  
or cats suffering from some sickness  
or from the results of accidents or  
fights, and less common small ani-  
mals, as well as birds, receive at-  
tention.

In the tiny hospital under Dr.  
Lepinay's control all the resources  
of modern medicine and surgery  
are provided for "our inferior  
brothers."

Cats are frequent patients, and  
often they are difficult ones to  
handle. A cat may fight viciously  
when operated upon, and it is often  
necessary to inclose the afflicted  
animal in a sort of "straitjacket" or  
leather sack, which envelops the  
animal except its head and the  
place to be operated upon.

On the request or permission of  
request of owners the pain may be  
minimized by the use of anesthe-  
tics.

### A WONDERFUL TREE.

The carnahuba palm of Brazil is  
said to be the world's most useful  
tree. It gives everything from  
medicine to cattle food. Its roots  
make a valuable drug, a blood puri-  
fier. Its timber takes high polish  
and is in demand among cabinet  
makers for fine work. The sap be-  
comes wine or vinegar, according to  
the way it is prepared, and starch  
and sugar are also obtained from  
this sap. The fruit of the tree is a  
cattle food, the nut is a good coffee  
substitute, and the pith makes  
corks.

### GERMANY'S MILITARY POPULATION.

La Nature asserts that the mili-  
tary population of the German Em-  
pire numbers 668,853 men. In  
Alsace-Lorraine are quartered 81,  
109, at Metz, 13,035, in the environs  
of Metz, 11,819; at Strasbourg, 15,  
408; environs of Strasbourg, 11,33;  
at Colmar, 5032; at Mulhouse, 3850.  
The other garrisons on the frontier  
are much less important.



# THE INDEPENDENT

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Thursday, March 26, '08.

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Trinity Reformed Church, Collegeville, Rev. F. O. Yost, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 9. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2 p. m., and Senior C. E. at 7 p. m.

St. James' Church, Lower Providence, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector. Morning service and sermon, 10.30. Sunday School, 1.45 p. m. Evening service and sermon, 8 p. m. Holy Communion, First Sunday in the month. All are cordially invited and welcome.

St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, S. T. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Catechetical class at 2 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.45 p. m. Bible Study meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend the services.

United Evangelical Church, Trappe Circuit, Rev. Geo. R. Riffert, pastor. Services for the coming Sabbath will be as follows: Trappe—Preaching, 10 a. m.; Sunday School, 2 p. m. Limerick—Preaching at 2.30 p. m.; Sunday School, 1.30 p. m.; C. E., at 7.30.

Passenger trains leave Collegeville for Philadelphia 7.03, 7.45, 11.30 a. m., 6.05 p. m. Sundays—7.11 a. m., 6.33 p. m. For Allentown: 7.45, 11.02 a. m., 3.22, 6.05 p. m. Sundays—8.30 a. m., 7.39 p. m.

## Home and Abroad.

—Spring weather.  
—Caught the fever?  
—Plowing and oats sowing will soon be in order.

—Trinity's Fertilizer's are the best. See adver., page 8.

—John W. Sebastian, a farmer of Montello, Pa., has fed 1000 tramps during the past three years.

—It costs more to satisfy vice than to feed a family.—Balzac.

—L. Levi, of Reading, who has been a dealer in pelts of fur-bearing animals for 50 years, has handled 40,000 of them.

—If we go wrong the farther we go the farther we are from home.—German.

—Choice clover seed at Fenton's store.

—Berks county farmers are now offering eggs at 13 cents a dozen, and the hens are furnishing better results than for some years.

—Xavier Spuhler has just celebrated his ninety-fourth birthday in Reading, where he lives alone and is his own housekeeper.

—At a public sale in Boyertown 64 horses were sold at an average of \$320 each.

—Refusing to pay \$3 fine because his children didn't attend school, Joseph Tompkins, of Norristown, was sent to jail.

—The Pennsburg High School was closed last week because the principal, Rev. G. W. Lutz, was a juror in court at Norristown. Where were the Directors?

—Stover S. Worman, of Boyertown, one of the oldest residents of that section, celebrated his ninety-first birthday anniversary Saturday.

—The Chadwick automobile plant in Pottstown will go into operation next week with a force of 90 men, 50 of whom will be from Philadelphia.

—Four hundred Christian Endeavorers attended the quarterly meeting of the societies of Norristown and vicinity at Jeffersonville Presbyterian church.

—The largest estate left by any of the Boyertown fire victims was that of the wife of Dr. L. K. Francis, and it amounts to nearly \$77,000.

—George and Sarah G. Wood, of Norristown, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary Monday.

—Thieves in Pottstown are going to the limit by stealing joists 16 feet in length from new houses.

—At a nail-driving contest held by the Marion Fire Company in Reading, Miss Maggie Dillon won out against six fair competitors, driving six nails in 15 minutes and 6 seconds, and winning a \$5 prize.

—Norristown's discarded fire bell has been sold to Rutherford, N. J., for \$1000. Norristown's alarm is now made by a steam whistle.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Freeman, of Cumru township, have been attending the Reading Markets for 61 years, and will now retire.

—Seeing its tail sticking out of a drain in one of his fields, Lewis F. Spiese of North Coventry, Chester county, pulled out a blacksnake nearly six feet long and dispatched it with a shovel.

## Death at the County Home.

James R. Thompson, an aged man formerly of Norristown, died of general debility Saturday evening at the County Home. The remains were taken to Norristown.

## Thespian Club Entertainment.

Mrs. Adele Miller and Miss Hattie Fetterolf entertained the Thespian Club of this borough on Tuesday evening. The Thespians played "Hearts" and enjoyed the fine refreshments served.

## Collection of Relics.

William H. Reese, who has lived at Valley Forge 35 years, has gathered a large collection of relics of Revolutionary times that were turned up while plowing; among them a British coin dated 1774, bearing an imprint of the head of George III.

## Armory for Phoenixville.

Adjutant General Thomas J. Stewart and Colonel Price, of the State Armory Board, have decided to recommend the building of an armory in Phoenixville for Company D, N. G. P. The armory is to cost the State \$25,000, which includes the price of the lot.

## College Society to Hold Anniversary.

The thirty-eighth anniversary of the Zwinglian Literary Society of Ursinus College will be held in Bomberger Hall Saturday evening. The program will consist of several well-prepared musical and literary numbers. A reception will follow the program. The public is invited to be present.

## Fortune in a Desk.

The heirs of the late Samuel Bittenbender, one of the oldest and wealthiest farmers of Hereford township, Berks county, were very much surprised last week when the only son, who is the administrator, discovered in the father's desk cash amounting to \$15,525, of which \$5,520 was in \$20 gold pieces.

## Commissioners Inspect Bridge Site.

County Commissioners Penrose, Anders and Shelmire were in Pottstown last Thursday inspecting the site of a new building which is to replace the old one now spanning Manatawny Creek on West High street. Engineer John H. Dager and Solicitor J. P. Hale Jenkins accompanied them.

## Organizing a Grange.

Town and Country gives an account of a preliminary meeting of farmers in that quarter for the purpose of organizing a Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. About forty persons attended the meeting, of whom one-fourth were women, both sexes being entitled to membership. The following temporary officers were chosen: Chairman, Eugene S. Schultz; secretary, Miss Anna Bieler; treasurer, Nathan Schultz.

## DEATHS.

Susanna M., widow of the late Charles M. Slocum, died on Wednesday of last week at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, Evansburg. The funeral was held on Saturday, services in the Episcopal church at 2.30 p. m.; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

Percy F., son of George W. and Minnie Rittenhouse, near Audubon, died on Monday, aged 4 months. The funeral (private) Thursday, March 26, at 1.30 p. m. Interment in Riverside cemetery; J. L. Bechtel in charge.

## No Use to Die.

"I have found out that there is no use to die of lung trouble as long as you can get Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. J. F. White, of Rushboro, Pa. "I would not be alive to day only for that wonderful medicine. It loosens up a cough quicker than anything else, and cures lung disease even after the case is pronounced hopeless." This most reliable remedy for coughs and colds, la grippe, asthma, bronchitis, and hoarseness, is sold under guarantee at J. W. Culbert's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

## Arbor Days.

Governor Stuart has named two April Arbor days—Friday, April 3, and Friday, April 24. It is to be hoped that many trees will be planted throughout the state this year. The planting of trees cannot be encouraged too much, for trees will stand prominent among such blessings as may be passed from the present to succeeding generations.

## Honor Oration.

At a recent meeting of the faculty of Ursinus College it was decided to have but two honor orations at the commencement of 1908. The honor of delivering the valedictory oration was awarded to David L. Stamsy, of Kauffman, Pa. The honor of delivering the salutatory oration was awarded to Harvey B. Dannehower, of Centre Square, Pa.

## Very Old Hay.

Hay grown in 1853, about a mile east of Gettysburg, was moved to the Wesley Miller farm, near Round Hill, north of Hampton, Adams county, and kept until this spring, when a portion was sold to J. C. Birely, and shipped to market. Commission men say it is the oldest hay ever shipped to Baltimore, being 55 years old.

## Injured by a Wicked Wretch.

Mrs. Francis McSloy, keeper of an eating house in Conschocken, was attacked by Patrick Hawley, of Philadelphia, and seriously injured, on Saturday evening. Hawley asked for something to eat, and began making a disturbance. When ordered out he suddenly grasped the woman and choked her into insensibility. When on the pavement he hurled a big stone through the window. He was arrested and sent to jail.

## Kinzel Out of Jail.

Daniel P. Kinzel, of Royersford, who went to jail on December 16, declaring that he would stay there until he rotted rather than pay Amanda Stofflet, of the same borough, the \$125 award given by a jury for breach of promise, was released Friday upon his own petition. He recounts that he is a bankrupt, but agrees to stand all the costs of the proceedings to effect his deliverance from prison.

## Sentenced for Stealing Brass Journals.

Before Judge Ermentrout, in Reading, Scott Bowman and James Lorah pleaded guilty to the larceny of brass journals which they admitted taking from car wheels. The court said there was absolutely no excuse for this sort of a crime. It was not only the theft of the brass, but by taking these journals from cars they incurred the risk of causing accidents, resulting in damage to property and possibly loss of life. As a warning that this sort of thing must stop, the court imposed a fine of \$20.00 and costs and ordered that they undergo an imprisonment of three years, at separate and solitary confinement at labor, in the Eastern Penitentiary.

## Eighty-third Birthday Anniversary.

A birthday surprise party was recently tendered Mrs. Rebecca Keyser at her residence 929 West Main St., Norristown, in honor of her eighty-third birthday. All of her children participated, together with her grand-children and great grand-children. Mrs. Keyser is a remarkably well preserved woman for her age, with an optimistic view of life which the years have never changed. A very enjoyable evening was spent, and the hour of adjournment came all too quickly. Games and music were indulged in. A duet by Miss Isabel Keyser and Mr. Adolph Myers was ably rendered. During the course of the evening an elaborate luncheon was served by caterer Stritzinger. Mrs. Keyser received the earnest congratulations of all present, together with best wishes for many happy future years.

## \$100 REWARD. \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## Hotels Must Close at Midnight.

The Court, at License court, Tuesday morning, handed down the following, which is self-explanatory: "From the evidence given in the trial of certain criminal cases there was an intimation that some of the holders of the liquor licenses keep their bars open for the sale of intoxicants after 12 o'clock, midnight."

"We give notice that proof before us of such conduct on the part of licensees is evidence from which we must draw the conclusion that they are not proper persons to be entrusted with a license."

## Big Shower of Birthday Post Cards.

Last Friday, Mrs. Alex. Unstead, of Spippack, received 443 post cards, 2 letters, and a number of handkerchiefs, in celebration of her birthday anniversary. The number of cards received would indicate that Mrs. Unstead has a great host of friends. The surprise will not soon be forgotten by the lady, who desires to express in this public manner her sincere appreciation of the kind wishes and mementoes received from so many of her relatives and acquaintances.

## A Norristown House Damaged by Lightning.

During the unusually severe electric storm (at this season of the year) on Wednesday evening of last week, lightning—appearing in the form of a ball of fire—struck the cupola on the residence of B. F. Whitby, Esq., Main street and Haws avenue, Norristown, and almost demolished it; the slate flying in all directions. The window panes in that portion of the house were shattered, and the frame work was much damaged. Mrs. Whitby and another lady were considerably affected by the shock.

## Ladies' Aid Society.

An interesting program was rendered at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity church at the home of Mrs. Ella Hobson, Monday evening. The program: Vocal sextette, Misses Faringer and Saylor, Mrs. Frank Gristock, Mrs. Geo. Clamer, Mrs. Challen, Mrs. John Barrett; recitations, Mrs. Gristock, Miss Helen Neff; Mr. Lane, a noted actor of Philadelphia, sang several very excellent solos and also gave a humorous recitation. Several games were played. The favors were won by Miss Grace Saylor and Miss Hattie Fetterolf.

## County Must Keep Turnpike in Order.

On Monday Judge Swartz handed down an opinion in the mandamus proceedings between the Road Supervisors of Whitpain township and the County Commissioners. The point at issue was the question as to which should repair the Skipack turnpike in that township, the county or the township. The proceeding brought against the County Commissioners was a friendly one and was meant to test the constitutionality of the Act of 1905, the county claiming that it is unconstitutional. The Superior Court having decided the Act constitutional, Judge Swartz concurred in the decision, and decreed that the Skipack road or turnpike must be kept in repair by the county.

## The Stetson Millions.

Judge W. F. Solly, of the Orphan's Court, has made an adjudication in the estate of the late John B. Stetson, of Cheltenham, in which almost five million dollars remained a balance for distribution. Mr. Stetson was a hat manufacturer, and the settlement distributed one of the largest balances ever handed down by the Orphan's Court of this county. Judge Solly notes that the principal of the estate is valued at \$4,471,335, which is given to George A. Elasser and J. Howell Cummings, the executors, to hold as trustees for another year to carry out the purposes of the will. The income from the estate during the year was \$503,674. After paying annuities, expenses and fixed charges, there was given to the widow \$184,952. The children, E. Elizabeth, John B., and S. Henry Stetson, each received \$77,063.

## Good for Everybody.

Mr. Norman R. Coulter, a prominent architect, in the Delbert Building, San Francisco, says: "I fully endorse all that has been said of Electric Bitters as a tonic medicine. It is good for everybody. It corrects stomach, liver and kidney disorders in a prompt and efficient manner and builds up the system." Electric Bitters is the best spring medicine ever sold, over a druggist's counter; as a blood purifier it is unequalled; as J. W. Culbert's drug store.

## Licenses Granted.

No remonstrances having been filed against the 250 old applications for liquor license in this county, Judge Swartz at Norristown on Monday renewed them all, and then took up the new application made by Leyshea Thomas, for years a Norristown hotelkeeper, for a wholesale liquor license in Lansdale. Decision was reserved. The Montgomery county licensed places include 210 hotels, 21 restaurants, 13 wholesalers, 2 brewers, 2 agencies, 1 distiller and 1 bottler.

## Remarkable Family in Numbers.

Mrs. Amelia Conrad, who died at West Fairview, Cumberland county, last week at the age of 84, left a family remarkable for its numbers. Mrs. Conrad had not been able to leave her house for a number of years, being confined to her bed for about three and a half years. She resided in the house in which she died for upward of thirty years. Five sons and six daughters survive her. She is also survived by 69 grand-children, 57 great grand-children and three great-great-grandchildren.

## Thief Captured.

A burglar, who, had broken into the Bally post office, was shot and captured after an exciting struggle with Lincoln Moyer, a clerk in the store of Irvin H. Bechtel, deceased, where the post office is located. The burglar gave his name as John Kuss, age 46 years, of Eleventh and Spring Garden streets, Philadelphia. He says that he is a cabinet-maker and that he was made desperate by lack of work and subsequent hunger. The man was committed to the Berks county jail at Reading. Clerk Moyer, who sleeps in the second story of the building, was aroused by the burglar alarm. He armed himself and went down stairs to investigate. When the burglar espied Mr. Moyer, he made an attempt to escape, notwithstanding the fact that he was covered with a revolver. Mr. Moyer's command to halt was not heeded and he fired. The bullet struck the burglar in the face and glanced off his cheek bone, cutting away a portion of the man's left ear. When he saw that Clerk Moyer meant business he immediately surrendered. He was held at the point of the revolver until neighbors, who had been aroused by the noise, rushed in. He was then securely handcuffed and led away. An examination of the store disclosed the fact that the burglar had planned to make a big haul.

## PERSONAL.

Miss Mary Stoner, who has held the position as teacher of English in the High School of Rockaway, N. J., has resigned her position there to accept an instructorship in English at the State Normal School of Clarion, Pa.

Miss Mary Shade, of Royersford, was the guest of Burgess F. J. Clamer and family, Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Evelyn Neff, of Cape May, N. J., visited her mother over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ashenfelter are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. George Spangler, of Jenkintown.

Mr. and Mrs. William Daub on Saturday removed from the Royer property in Trappe to the property on the corner of Main and Fifth avenue west, this borough, owned by W. P. Fenton.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ebert is very ill.

Miss Taylor of Philadelphia is visiting Miss Ffie Williams.

Mrs. Jennie Happenstall, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Culbert, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Renshaw, of Phoenixville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ingram, Sunday.

M. Brugger, of Philadelphia was in town on Tuesday.

Rev. J. Whitford and Mrs. Riddle of Valley Forge, were the guests of Prof. J. W. and Mrs. Riddle, of Ursinus College, Sunday.

Bertha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gristock, received many post-cards, six silver spoons, various sums of money, a large doll, and other gifts, from relatives and friends in celebration of her sixth birthday, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Gristock and their little daughter return thanks for the many favors received.

Mr. Ammon Rimby, of this borough, is very ill.

## Reminder of 1800.

Last week a genuine reminder of 1800 was discovered near Rushville, Susquehanna county. David E. Haney, who resides in that place, decided to clear up an old millrace, and in doing so found fastened in the roots of a willow long gone a grapple. To the grapple was an iron chain, and at the end of the chain was a huge bear trap. The trap was in the same condition as it was when set by some trapper a hundred years ago; the only difference being that it was considerably rusted and would not spring shut. Mr. Haney had to pull the trap out of the mud, where it had been since the denizens of the forest roamed Susquehanna hills.

## Letter From Lawrence R. Thompson.

A letter received at this office from Lawrence R. Thompson, formerly of this vicinity, now a machinist aboard the U. S. Steamship Georgia, en route to the Pacific coast, contains the following: "Shortly after dropping anchor at Magdalena Bay, Mexico, March 13, 1908, twenty-eight mail bags were brought aboard the Georgia, and the mail was distributed on the fore-castle. The eager bunch of blue jackets were quick to respond to the calling of their names. After the mail call was over I found that I had a large hatful of letters and post cards and several copies of the INDEPENDENT, the latest number being February 27. The letters and post cards all bore valentine and birthday greetings—evidently a planned surprise. To all my friends I here express my keen appreciation of their kindness. \*\*\* Ever since leaving Hampton Roads our cruise has been one of great enjoyment and interest. Although there are too many men to give much shore leave, we all have enjoyed our stops at Trinidad, Rio de Janeiro, Punta Arena; our look at Valparaiso, our stay at Callao, and our arrival at Magdalena Bay. The "Georgia" proves to be a pretty good \$7,000,000 home. She carries the honors of the fleet for the best target practice, the greatest speed in knots, the best signal speeds, and the best wireless system. Some of the letters I received made me feel rather envious when the writers told me there was chicken cooking in the pot, or that they had been to some nice social event, but probably they would feel envious of me if they knew I celebrated Washington's birthday at Callao by eating a piece of fresh, ripe watermelon." Mr. Thompson's present address is: U. S. S. Georgia, San Francisco, California.

## Items From Trappe.

In his eloquent sermon in the Lutheran church, Sunday morning, Rev. W. O. Fegely made a number of references to the practical side of Christianity.

The Street and Road Committee and Surveyor I. P. Rhoades met Saturday afternoon and established the grade on the Royersford road, beginning at Main street.

Misses Sallie Ruth and Eva Baldwin were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ruth, Sunday.

The Mission Band will meet in the basement of the U. E. church on Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

Last Thursday evening between thirty and forty neighbors and friends tendered Mr. and Mrs. David Reiner a surprise, and an evening of much social enjoyment was spent.

Mrs. M. Stetler, of Germantown spent Sunday with friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Wm. H. Gross, of Lee, Mass., visited Mrs. Jane Rambo and Dr. and Mrs. Anders, last week.

Geo. Cressman purchased a horse in Philadelphia, Saturday.

J. Harvey Thomas resumed his duties as a motorman, Monday. He was on the sick list for several months.

Rev. W. O. Fegely attended the funeral of Mr. Snyder, near Sellersville, Monday. Deceased was the father of Rev. C. C. Snyder, formerly of Centre Square, this county.

## Best Healer in the World.

Rev. F. Starbird, of East Raymond, Maine, says: "I have used Bucklen's Arnica Salve for several years, on my old army wound, and other obstinate sores, and find it the best healer in the world. I use it too with great success in my veterinary business. Price 25c. at J. W. Culbert's drug store."



## A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Thursday, March 19.

The United Mine Workers of America decided to hold their next national convention in Indianapolis.

George R. Richardson, one of the best known lawyers of Mass., committed suicide by shooting at Lowell.

Governor Fort sent to the senate the nomination of Ernest Lloyd to be prosecutor of Cape May county, N. J.

Andrew Jackson, a negro, known as "Black Sport" was hanged at Atlanta, Ga., for the murder of Policeman J. A. Manier, on Dec. 6.

The home of Henry Illis, a tobacco farmer in Shelby county, Ky., about thirty-five miles from Louisville, was burned by a small party of masked "night riders."

Friday, March 20.

Mrs. Winnie Mangold was struck by an express train on the Atlantic City railroad at Hammonton, N. J., and instantly killed.

Orders for 136 new locomotives and 24,000 tons of steel rails have just been placed by the New York Central Railroad company.

George H. Huess, traveling salesman for the American Car & Foundry company, committed suicide in the Bolton house at Harrisburg, Pa., by shooting.

Abraham H. Hummel, the New York lawyer, who was sentenced to serve a year in the penitentiary for conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, was released from prison Thursday.

Saturday, March 21.

A boiler in a sawmill on the Abrams farm at Steubenville, O., exploded, fatally injuring William Abrams, James Oler and Bert Baker.

Christopher N. Wilson, a well-to-do retired farmer of Mill Stone, near Somerville, N. J., committed suicide by hanging himself to his bed.

John B. Blaylock, a contractor of Lamberts Point, Va., was shot and killed by Henry Hyslop in a quarrel over seventy cents, and Hyslop was arrested.

Alonzo F. Shriner, chief deputy surveyor in the St. Louis custom house, was arrested on a warrant charging embezzlement and failure to deposit government funds in his custody.

Monday, March 23.

The government has finally purchased a site for a postoffice at Easton, Pa., at a cost of \$44,900.

For sending a Black Hand letter to Rocco Frasso, an Italian banker, F. dele Falasco was given a year in jail at Reading, Pa.

The Misses Madge Cannon and Elizabeth Drummer, of Scranton, Pa., have signed contracts with the government to engage in hospital work in the Panama canal zone.

Over 175,000 signatures have been received to the petition asking President Roosevelt to pardon Captain Van Schaick, who recently began a ten-years' term for the Slocum disaster.

Tuesday, March 24.

Brigadier General Jacob Kline, U. S. A., retired, died at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., from kidney disease.

Joseph Paolucci, an Italian, was hanged at Washington for the murder of his sweetheart, Elizabeth V. Dodge, in September, 1906.

James W. Blessley, who conducted an employment agency at Harrisburg, Pa., and victimized a number of foreigners, was sentenced to six months in jail.

An explosion caused by pouring kerosene into the kitchen stove killed Mrs. Florence Bitser and fatally injured her son at Dayton, O.

Wednesday, March 25.

The Reading railway roadway employees will at once be put on nine hours instead of eight.

Dr. Charles A. Baird, a well known dentist, was caught in the elevator in the Wick bank building at Youngstown, O., and crushed to death.

Twenty persons were injured, three fatally, in a head on collision between a passenger train on the Queen Crescent railroad and a special freight train, near Lexington, Ky.

A bequest of \$11,000 under the will of Mrs. Lyman Coleman has just been received by Lafayette college at Easton, Pa., for the purpose of establishing a lectureship in memory of the late Professor Lyman Coleman.

## PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR weak; winter extras, new, \$3.85@4; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$4.10@4.25; city mills, fancy, \$5.75@5.90; RYE FLOUR, quiet; per barrel, \$4.55@4.65. WHEAT steady; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, 95¢@96½¢; CORN steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 72¢@74¢; OATS steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 58½¢@59¢; lower grades, 47¢. HAY steady; timothy, large bales, \$18@18.50. PORK firm; family, per barrel, \$19.50. BEEF firm; beef hams, per barrel, \$26@27. POULTRY: Live firm; hens, 14¢@15¢; old roosters, 10¢. Dressed firm; choice fowls, 14¢; old roosters, 10¢. BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 31¢. EGGS firm; selected, 19¢@22¢; nearby, 17¢; western, 18¢. POTATOES steady; per bushel, 85¢@88¢. Sweet Potatoes firm; per basket, 50¢.

BALTIMORE — WHEAT steady; No. 2 spot, 96½¢@97½¢; steamer No. 2 spot, 92½¢@93½¢; southern, 92½¢@94¢. CORN steady; mixed spot, 66¢@66½¢; steamer mixed, 62¢@62½¢; southern, 64¢@65¢. OATS fair; white, No. 2, 59¢@60¢; No. 3, 58¢@58½¢. No. 4, 54¢@55¢. MIXED No. 2, 56¢@56½¢. No. 3, 54¢@54½¢. BUTTER steady; creamery separator extras, 30¢@30½¢; prints, 31¢@32¢; held, 22¢@23¢. Maryland and Pennsylvania dairy prints, 19¢@20¢. EGGS steady; fancy Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, 15¢@16¢; southern, 14¢@15¢.

Live Stock Markets.

PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards) — CATTLE higher; choice, \$6.15@6.35; prime, \$6@6.15. SHEEP higher; prime wethers, \$6.75@7; common, \$3@4; lambs, \$6@6.50; veal calves, \$7.25@7.75. HOGS active; prime heavies, \$5.30@5.40; medium, \$4.45@4.50; light Yorkers, \$5.25@5.30; heavy Yorkers, \$5.40@5.45; pigs, \$4.65@4.75; roughs, \$4@4.50.

## Jottings From Limerick.

Enoch Bucher, Mrs. Joseph Shambough, and Mrs. Elmira Tyson, visited Mrs. Clayton Nye, of Chestnut Hill, Sunday.

Ada Breininger is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Enoch Bucher has sold his horse to Mr. Funk, of Chester county, for \$225.

Mrs. John Trumbauer is critically ill at this writing.

Mrs. Hannah Derr is on the sick list.

A joint meeting of the Lutheran and Reformed congregations will be held next Saturday afternoon in the basement of the church to elect a janitor for the ensuing year.

Minnie Auchy, of Royersford was the guest of Alice Bartman Sunday.

Margaret Schlichter is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

M. S. Longacre hopes to be able to be up and about soon.

Mercantile Appraiser Pownell was here on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Spare, of Norristown, visited Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Wise, Sunday.

Wm. Kline of the Kutztown Normal School is spending his vacation with his father, T. D. Kline.

Walter Schlichter was home over Sunday.

The following were visitors at the home of Wm. A. and Samuel Rogers, Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor and son and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tyson and daughters, of Limerick; Mrs. Wm. Groff, of Pottstown, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Miller, of Norristown.

## Paragraphs From Yerkes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Detwiler and family of Port Providence, Messrs. Elias and Irwin Detwiler and wives, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Hoyer visited Mr. and Mrs. John G. Detwiler on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abram Gotwals and son visited Mrs. Margaret Custer of Fairview, Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Landes on March 17, a son. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons have returned from their wedding trip.

Rev. Warren Bean and family and Benjamin Wanner and family visited at Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hunsberger's Sunday.

Miss Matilda Boles of Warnock street, Philadelphia was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Colehower, several days last week.

Norris Detwiler, son of John Detwiler, is sick with erysipelas.

Miss Emma and Carrie Reifinger, of Valley Forge, visited Miss Carrie Bowers, their aunt, last week.

Mrs. Andrew Pfeiffer has not fully recovered from the effects of a recent attack of the grippe, but she is improving.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. James G. Detwiler called on Augustus Stetler, of Arcola, who has been ill for more than a year with Bright's disease.

Service at 6.30 in the Mennonite church on Sunday evening, March 29.

On Wednesday evening, March 18, at 7 o'clock, Wm. Leroy Parsons, of Phoenixville, and Miss Elizabeth C. Detwiler, of this vicinity were united in wedlock. The ceremony was performed in the presence of eighty guests, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James G. Detwiler, by the Rev. Dr. S. L. Messinger, pastor of St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe.

Miss Susan May Detwiler, the bride's sister, was bridesmaid; and Mr. Carroll Thomas, a member of the Senior Class at Lehigh University, was groomsmen. After receiving the congratulations of the guests, and partaking with them of a finely prepared repast, the newly married pair started on a brief wedding trip. They were the recipients of very many handsome, valuable, and useful presents.

## Killed Saving His Doggie.

WASHINGTON, Pa., March 24.—In an attempt to save his dog, William, the 6-year-old son of Charles Waugh, was instantly killed by a Baltimore and Ohio train, near Venetia, to-day. The accident was witnessed by the child's aged grandmother, who had kissed him good-bye a moment before. The lad saw the oncoming train, and believing his dog, which was on the railroad, would be killed, leaped for the animal.

## FROM OAKS.

Because it is Leap Year, Spring began March 20, and to our experience it was a rather cool, unpleasant beginning, though it might be better farther on. It is nothing when you get used to it, but it is fine, blooming, pneumonia weather. The thunder showers Wednesday was only an effort to revive the snakes and toads Saint Patrick drove out of Ireland, but so far we have not noticed a snake, toad, or varmint, but we have enjoyed the fragrance of a pole cat, the fitchew or fitchet. Angle worms are plenty, and fishermen are not at a loss for bait. If there is a lack of everything else, worms for bait are plenty. The grass in sheltered places is turning green, however much old King Frost turns a jealous look upon it. Dandelions, too, are in bloom; but only here and there. Almost time to gather a mess for greens, don't you know.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Green Tree church reorganized Tuesday, meeting at the house of Rev. Mr. McKee.

Miss Catherine Harner sang "I have heard of that beautiful city" at the Young People's meeting of the Green Tree church, Sunday evening. Extra music each night at these meetings.

The Parkersford Brethren church will hold their Love Feast on Saturday evening, May 9.

Love Feast at Green Tree, Saturday evening, May 16. We are safe in giving publicity, as it was so decided at a business meeting held at the church Monday evening.

We met C. C. Sanderson, of Chadd's Ford, on the train Wednesday evening en route to Yerkes to attend the Parsons-Detwiler nuptials. We also met John H. McDowell, of Red Hill, candidate for Director of the Poor, who had been to Norristown to get his name on the list. John is a good man and well worthy the office he aspires to.

There is quite a fuss over Abruzzi and Sarah will be an El-kia to the throne of Italy.

Charles Brower has been improving the buildings, trimming trees, and getting things in good shape for the advent of spring on his farm.

Rev. Mr. Burk, rector of All Saints, Norristown, preached at the Lenten services held in Saint Paul's Memorial church, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendershott and child, of New Jersey, are visiting Mrs. Hendershott's mother, Mrs. Ellis. Mrs. Hendershott has not been so well, the climate does not agree with her.

Mrs. Cornelius Kratz and daughter, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mrs. Richardson, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kratz and child, of Philadelphia, were also visitors to Oaks. Mrs. Kratz's maiden name was Grace Meyers, daughter of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Meyers, long time pastor of Green Tree church and now pastor of the Geiger Memorial church of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Storey, of Philadelphia, visited the Hillside Farm, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoar, of Philadelphia, were also visitors to the Hillside Farm on Sunday. Both Mrs. Hoar and Mrs. Storey are the daughters of Mrs. Fanny Detwiler and Dr. Detwiler, deceased.

Mrs. Thomas Higley, of the Buttonwood Farm, Lower Providence, and Miss Breta Nichols, visited Dr. and Mrs. P. P. Nichols, at Valley Forge, Wednesday last.

A good representation of the Oaks Fire Company attended the oyster supper given by the Mount Clare Fire Company Thursday evening.

And now Audubon will hold a fair and festival, the proceeds for the benefit of a life and drum corps. Getting in tune for the Presidential campaign. Hope the drum corps will continue in longevity, longer than the Shannonville Band.

It is the talk several enterprising young men will start a glove making factory here. In time of peace prepare for war, and in the good old summer time is the time to make gloves for the winter time. The mushroom business pays, from all accounts, and a glove factory ought to pay if there is that force behind it to make it pay.

Some of our German citizens tiring of waiting for the brick works to begin work, have succeeded in getting employment at the magnesia works in Port Kennedy.

At the bi-centennial meeting of the Brethren church, which is to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, the fore part of June next, an appeal has been made to all the members of the church to give a free will offering that which they can afford to give, to be used in world-wide missions. This amount is to be considered a part of the \$100,000 offering for the bi-centennial meeting.

With the evangelistic meetings in Philadelphia, the strenuous efforts to establish Local Option, surely our load will pass through an era of betterment of its people. To be good is the only way to be happy, no matter if you are a candidate for office or hold a contract to build a State Capitol building.

Pennelton, who farmed the Famous farm now owned by Oberline, will move to the farm once owned by Tom Griffin, and Frank Bowers will

move on the farm vacated by Pennelton.

We hear the Reading R. R. Company will do away with the office at Oaks as a train order office, and will be as it was originally.

There are but two Generals living who commanded corps or armies at the Battle of Gettysburg in 1863. Generals Howard and Sickles. These are only reminders that the others have answered the last roll call, passed in the final review.

Saturday last ended the fox hunting season, and there was held a banquet of the different hunts at King of Prussia Inn, Saturday.

John C. Dettra, flag manufacturer, presented the Oaks Fire Company with a large flag, and the company will chance the flag off at ten cents a chance. Frank Weaver gathered in over three dollars during the day that he had the book.

George Hallman, contractor and builder, has a large contract at King of Prussia. George has been busy all winter.

Mrs. McKee and Miss Bella Keyser sang a duet at the Young People's meeting, Sunday evening.

## Shakespeare Notwithstanding.

"Is there anything in a name?" inquired the man with mouse colored whiskers. "You can bet there is. Name a boy Stuyvesant or Van Rensselaer or Gouverneur and he'll never hold anything but a first class job. Nobody will ever dare ask him to swab windows or mop floors. And by the time he's forty he'll be head of a trust company and director in twenty-seven prominent concerns. Oh, yes; there's a heap in a name, lemme tell you."—Washington Herald.

## The Infallible Man.

The most dull and wishy washy man in all the world must be he who never made a mistake. But he is double dyed when he will make no mistake himself and lose sleep over the mistakes of his neighbor.—Manchester Union.

## Men's Ways.

We often hear women criticised for their queer ways of doing things, but we rise to call attention to the queer ways many good men have of not doing things.—Hallock Enterprise.

## Resolutions of Respect.

The members of Washington Camp, No. 523, P. O. S. of A., of Eagleville, Pa., have adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called from labor to rest and peace our esteemed and faithful brother, Recording Secretary, Walter G. Keel, who was a useful and active member of our order from the time of the formation of this Camp until his death;

Resolved, That in his death we lose a genial, faithful and diligent co-worker, one who was always cheerful and never weary in well doing.

Resolved, That we cherish his memory for his faithfulness and for his diligent and unassuming services; that we bow in humble submission to the Divine ordering, knowing that our loss is his infinite gain.

Resolved, That we tender our sincere sympathy to the family of the deceased, and direct them to their sorrow to Him who can give them comfort.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of the order, and a copy of them to the family of the deceased; and that, as a further mark of respect, they be published in the Collegeville Independent and Montgomery Transcript.

JOHN W. BARRY,

WM. A. SHEARER,

JOHN S. SMITH,

Committee on Resolutions.

## WANTED.

Good board on farm for two adults and two children. Private family preferred. Address: THIS OFFICE.

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The best incubators and brooders. Catalogues for the asking. 2-27 JOHN LANDES, Yerkes, Pa.

## EGGS FOR HATCHING.

Rhode Island Red Chicken Eggs for hatching. 75 cents for setting of 15. Apply to J. HERBERT FRANCIS, 2-20, Oaks, Pa.

## FOR SALE.

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A house near borough of Trappe. Apply to WINFIELD HARLEY, 2-20, Trappe, Pa.

## FOR RENT.

A part of a house in Collegeville. Possession first of April. Apply to HOWARD P. TYSON, H. L. SAYLOR, Collegeville, Pa. 3-12.

## SUPERVISORS' STATEMENT OF Upper Providence Township.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1908.

RECEIPTS.	
To cash on hand (1907)	\$ 1770 16
gross sum of duplicate,	\$302 38
Less exonerations,	300 12
Per license	7892 26
Cash received from sale of stone,	28 05
Amount borrowed,	1240 14
Outstanding tax March 9, 1907,	1373 75
Total	\$12364 36

EXPENDITURES.	
By Labor	\$ 6852 44
Supplies and tools	66 58
Gravel	89 60
Stones	1082 10
Lumber	198 77
Coal	29 90
Stone mason	60 00
Cement	106 12
Printing	47 00
Rebate on tires	37 50
Ground rent	10 00
Attorney fees	10 00
Salaries—Sec'y \$25, Treas. \$75	100 00
Repairs to crusher	50 00
Horse hire	60 00
Auditors' salary	6 00
Filing statement	1 00
Deposited with Royersford Trust Company for redemption of bonds	1000 00
Paid for note in bank	550 00
Less expenses	1240 14
Outstanding tax	1959 89
Balance on hand	14 01
Total	\$12364 36

Bonded indebtedness of township, \$7000.00.  
Temporary " " " " \$700.00.

FRANK F. BARBER, WYNN M. PEARSON, S. H. YOCUM, Auditors.

## REPORT OF DAVID REINER, Treasurer of the Borough of Trappe.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 2, 1908.

RECEIPTS.	
Total amount of duplicate	\$1285 23
Deduct abatement	\$55 81
Deduct collector's fee, 25 ¢	62 00
Deduct unpaid taxes, 39 ¢	110 62
Am't. received from duplicate	\$1156 61
Last year's balance	658 49
Outstanding tax, less exonerations	60 30
Liquor license	240 00
Schuylkill Valley Traction Co.	100 00
Foreign corporation tax	1 63
Bell Telephone Co.	15 50
Interest on active account	12 29
Bricks sold	4 60
Total	\$2300 42

EXPENDITURES.	
Paid Street Commissioners	121 52
" printing	4 00
" filing statement	1 00
" box in Trust Company	3 00
" crushed stone and freight	197 74
" interest on loan	288 00
" sinking fund	390 00
" labor on streets	406 90
" stoning road machine	2 00
" repairs to road machine	15 85
" office rent, light and fuel	16 00
" salaries and audit	76 00
" stone and quarry leave	39 46
" surveyor	5 00
" lumber and sand	18 47
" bricks	27 08
" freight on bricks	8 50
" iron pipe	21 50
" dynamite and fuse	1 15
" blacksmith work	4 25
" Board of Health expenses	6 00
" merchandise	5 20
Total	\$1662 50

SINKING FUND.	
Received from general account	\$300 90
Balance from last year	25 35
Interest on deposit	1 62
Total	\$327 87

RESOURCES.	
Unpaid taxes	\$ 29 07
From general account	647 92
In sinking fund	326 97
Bonded indebtedness, \$8000.	8000 00
Total	\$9103 96



## Beany Hendrix Of the Big Y.

By CLARISSA MACKIE.

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It was while he was riding down Little Bear trail that Beany Hendrix saw her. She was riding up the trail, and they met at the narrowest point, where the steep walls of the canyon shut out the sunlight, leaving a gloomy tunnel through which there was barely room for two riders to pass. Hendrix backed his cayuse against the rocky wall and tried to shrink his huge form into smaller compass.

She, Edith Van Tine, looked at him from the level of grave, gray eyes questioning. She bowed politely and then smiled. All women smiled when they met Hendrix's genial gaze. They smiled in approval of the warm kindness of his good looking face, at the strength of his great body and at the good heart shining through his honest brown eyes.

Miss Van Tine's smile faded, however, as she saw the narrow trail that became almost a footpath as it wound up the canyon, and her cheek paled. In spite of this formidable outlook she urged her horse forward, bravely determined not to reveal her cowardice to this big cow puncher, who sat, hat in hand, waiting for her to pass.

"You're not afraid, are you, ma'am?" he drawled as she hesitated.

"Not in the least, thank you," she replied crisply.

"I was about to say," he continued soberly, "that if you're a stranger in these parts this is a nasty bit of country for a lady to get about in alone."

"Thank you," she repeated, still more coldly, "but I—was only resting my horse."

Hendrix looked curiously solemn; indeed, his features assumed a rigid expression. One who knew might have said that Hendrix was suppressing a smile. He threw one leg over the pommel of his saddle, thus permitting his cayuse to hug the wall more closely, and looked amiably upon the pretty stranger. Pretty girls were rare in the Bear creek district.

She flushed under his frank, admiring gaze and dug her spurred heel into her horse's flank with angry impatience. The animal bounded forward, striking fire with his scattered hoofs. There was a faint cry from the girl



"LET US GO TOGETHER ALWAYS," HE SAID CONTENTEDLY.

as she dashed away, and instantly Hendrix turned his mount and followed her.

It was impossible for him to pass her on the narrow trail without inflicting serious injury to either one of them, but somehow he managed to extend his length along his horse and grasp the bridle rein of her terrified animal.

"Now," he said kindly, "just you let me follow you up till you get out of this hole. As I said before, this is a nasty bit of country for a lady to get about in."

"And as I said before," she began tartly, with eyes fixed toward the mouth of the canyon, "I'm not afraid."

"We won't quarrel about that, ma'am," returned Hendrix calmly. "There isn't room for two to quarrel here."

Edith smiled faintly. Beany Hendrix, riding at her horse's flank, could see the dimple in her cheek and the curl of her lip, and a troubled look came into his eyes, and a deep wrinkle found place between his brows.

As they passed out of the canyon and into the open she turned toward him. The smile had fled from her face, and there was a cold, hard look in the gray eyes.

"Thank you, sir, for your kindness. I believe I shall get along famously now."

Hendrix removed his hat and passed a bronzed hand through his shock of sunburnt hair. "If you will excuse me, ma'am," he said, "with this slow drawl, 'I'd like to say that you better ride home by the long trail; it's easy riding, and it's safer than the canyon.'"

"But I don't know the long trail. I have never been about here before," she returned blankly.

"I should be pleased if you will let me take you to the other trail. Oh, I'm all right," he added hastily as she turned a doubtful glance in his direction. "I'm Beany Hendrix, from the Big Y outfit."

"Beany Hendrix?" she repeated, suppressing a smile.

"You never heard of me before, I dare say, ma'am. I'm only a cow

puncher," said Hendrix, with a dogged look about his pleasant mouth.

"Your name sounds familiar," she said, with a return to her stiff manner. "I will be very grateful if you will show me the other way around."

"Certainly," he fell into line at her side, and they rode in silence for several miles. Presently Edith became conscious that the cow puncher was observing her furtively, and her cheeks flushed. She turned indignantly toward him, but he was gazing fixedly away across the plain, although there was that tense line about his jaw which indicated some repressed feeling.

"I believe he is laughing at me," she thought angrily, and then, mindful of his gentle courtesy and of the fact that he was going out of his way to make her journey safe and pleasant, she turned a softened face toward him. "I am afraid I am making you a great deal of trouble," she said.

"Not at all," he returned. "I was out looking for some stray critters. If I don't round 'em up today I will tomorrow."

"That is what I like about this western country," she said wistfully. "There isn't the hurry and bustle of the east and the undying conviction that what isn't done today will never be done at all. Every day is so crowded with events that there is no time to really live!" She spoke bitterly now, and her eyes were turned away toward the low line of serrated hills before them.

"I thought you were from the east," he said quietly. "Where are you staying?"

"At Anderson's. You like the west better than the east?" she asked timidly.

He removed his hat and looked about the level expanse of country that was visible from the slight rise they had gained, at the bending blue sky, the gray green of the sagebrush and the greener slopes of feeding grounds dotted with cattle.

"Who wouldn't?" he replied briefly. She sighed softly. "I didn't know it was so beautiful—out here," she said, rather sadly, he thought. "They said I must come for my health, and here I am."

"I came—because—somebody in the east was tired of me—said she never wanted to see me again," drawled Hendrix, turning his eyes away from her downcast face.

"Oh, no!" she exclaimed warmly. "Not that!" She blushed vividly. "Something like that," he returned calmly.

There was silence for a time, she riding with drooping head and sad mouth and he watching her with tender pity in his eyes.

"Here is your trail, ma'am," he said at last, drawing in his horse with sudden energy.

There was a startled look in her face as she raised her eyes to his and then glanced at the well defined trail that led to Anderson's.

"It's easy to follow and will take you straight as a die to Anderson's," he pulled his horse to one side and removed his hat.

"It—it is safe for me to go—alone?" she faltered as she turned her horse into the trail and glanced appealingly at him.

Hendrix hesitated. She saw the red creep into the bronze of his cheek and a strange light invade his eyes. "Safe as time, ma'am," he said stubbornly, facing his horse about and preparing to leave her.

She rode a few paces away from him and then stopped. "Benforth," she said tremulously over her shoulder, "I don't want to go alone—any longer. I want you to come with me!"

He was at her side instantly. "Do you mean it, Edith?" he questioned eagerly. "Do you mean it?"

"Yes," she whispered softly. "I came after you, Benforth. I wanted you! Will you come with me—now?"

"Let us go together—always," he said contentedly.

Gave Her Carte Blanche to Eat.

A woman who has been a victim of indigestion and is kept to a dyspeptic's diet most of the time was invited to a dinner which she was anxious to attend.

She went to her telephone, and, trusting to a somewhat unreliable memory, she asked to be connected by the ever obliging "central" with telephone 2394. When the connection had been made she began her plaintive query without any preface, "Is that you, doctor?"

"I want very much to go to a little dinner tomorrow night," she began rapidly, "and do you think it would hurt me if I ate just a taste of soup and perhaps a little fish or the least trifle of game and a bit of salad or ice? I really think my stomach!"

Here she was interrupted by a voice from the other end of the wire.

"Madam," it said softly, "eat whatever you choose and as much as you choose. The more you eat the better it will please me. I am not your doctor, but I'm Burriam, the undertaker."

—Exchange.

Harrow Etiquette.

Harrow is not strong in customs, but even the school on the hill has a few peculiar to itself.

One of the most singular is that which strikes every visitor—the hugging of the wall in the street by small boys, whether they are in flannels or out of them, whether they are covered with mud or immaculately clean and smart, whether other and older pedestrians are elbowed into the gutter or not.

Never do you see the younger Harrovians walking in the road. Why? Because that is "swagger," a crime of the first magnitude.

No; custom prescribes that the place for any boy who is not a "three-yearer" is as close to the wall as he can possibly get.—London Chronicle.

## CLIMBING A CHIMNEY

The Way the Steeplejack Does His Dangerous Work.

HIS APPARATUS IS SIMPLE.

A Couple of Bo's'n's Chairs, a Trio of L Shaped Iron Pegs, a Heavy Hammer and a Ball of Twine Will Take Him In Safety to the Summit.

In the climbing and repair of chimneys and steeples it is, as in so many of the upward steps of life, undoubtedly the first which counts, says the New York Times. Once set your man, with a ball of twine tucked in the pocket of his coat, safely astride the coping of the big brewery chimney which rears its bulk of brickwork perhaps 300 feet above surrounding roofs or on the apex of the steeple of a church, his arm around the weather vane's vibrating pole, and you have the means by which ropes, ladders, scaffolding and all the necessary structure for examination and repairs may be brought into place. To get the first man to the giddy summit—that is the question.

There was a day when this was not infrequently accomplished by what at first sight might appear the somewhat frivolous method of kites. A kite having a goodly length of string attached to its tail was raised in the usual manner and gradually coaxed over the steeple or chimney under treatment, then drawn down until the tail string lay across the top. It was then merely a matter of time and patience to pass a rope over and haul up a man. But the method had obvious disadvantages. To draw the tail line successfully across a chimney top, still more across the pointed spire of a church, often took more than one or two attempts. Moreover, there must be a fair wind blowing at the time and a large open space available close by in which to raise the kite—this last condition one not often found about the chimney stacks or steeples of a town. Another system was that of ladders built upward from the steeple's base, exceedingly cumbersome and, in the opinion of many modern steeplejacks, highly dangerous.

The man who on this morning stands beside us at the foot of a great shaft of brickwork towering skyward from the very center of a famous northern town will fly no kite, nor does a wagon load of sectional ladders wait his orders in the yard. A small man, sinewy and lean faced, is he, and all the tackle that he needs to take him safely to the coping sixty yards above our heads has traveled to the scene of action in his pockets or his hands. On the ground before him are two bo's'n's chairs, or short planks, through holes at either end of which a rope is passed, forming a loop by which the chair may hang. Beside them lie three L shaped iron pegs or staples. The longer arm of each peg has a sharply pointed end and is nearly a foot in length; the short arm is but two or three inches long. The handle of a heavy hammer peeps from the pocket of our companion's coat, and that is all.

Taking a staple in his hand, he drives it into the chimney at a point breast high above the ground. On this he hangs a chair and, mounting, drives a second peg two or three feet above the first. On this the second chair is hung. The upright arm at a right angle to the peg precludes all danger of the rope slipping off. Nor do the chairs hang close against the shaft, for strips of wood projecting from each end insure a space in which the climber's legs are free to move. Now, stepping up into the second chair the steeplejack drives the last of his three pegs. Above him is a peg, below another one, on which hangs a chair. Leaning aside and down, he lifts this chair and hangs it above him on the topmost peg; leans down and with a twist of his fork headed hammer wrenches out the peg. This is less dangerous or difficult than might at first be supposed, for the pegs are never driven deeply in, having but the steeplejack's light weight to bear, and that only for a few minutes at a time, while should the hammer or a peg slip from his hand it is easily recovered by means of the ball of twine in his coat pocket and the watcher below.

Such is the system—the mere mechanical repetition of the movements just described—which has carried him safely to the top of many a giant stack. Arrived at the summit of the chimney he will find holdfasts built into the masonry—sometimes a massive bar or chain is stretched across the shaft to which a rope and pulley blocks can be made fast. This done, he can descend and reascend at will, scaffolding can be slung and inspection and repairs be carried out.

At the Bargain Counter.

"That sharp tongued Miss Redpepp has been saying some mighty mean things about you and your wife."

"What, for instance?"

"Says you picked her up at a bargain counter."

"Great Scott, I did! She was the prettiest girl that ever stood behind one."—Chicago Tribune.

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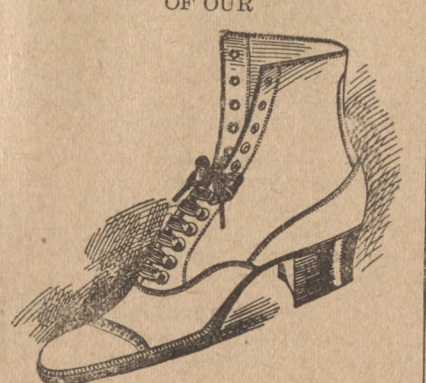
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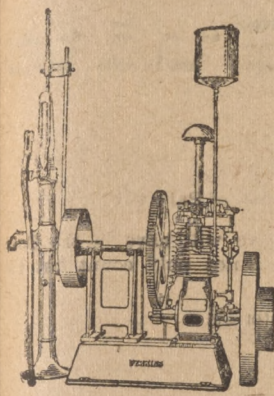
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# In Spite of Hunt Merrivale.

By ETHEL DOUGLAS.

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Nancy started angrily as the porter dropped a suit case into the front seat of her section and Philip Graham followed him to the seat.

"This is ungenerous," she said tensely when the porter had taken himself off. "How did you discover that I was coming?"

"I am afraid that you will not credit my protestations," said Graham soberly, "but I assure you that my surprise equals your own. I was telegraphed for not two hours ago. I had just time to throw a few things into the suit case and run for the train. I was under the impression that you were to remain with your aunt a week and that—last night would make no difference in your plans."

"Last night had nothing to do with it," disclaimed Nancy. "Father wired for me. I am afraid that it is serious, and you elect to follow me and annoy me with your arguments."

"I have already assured you of my entire ignorance of your presence on the flyer," said Philip stiffly. "In proof of my good intentions I shall betake myself to the smoker until I am able to arrange an exchange of seats with the conductor."

He raised his hat and stalked forward in the direction of the cafe car, leaving Nancy with her feelings sadly ruffled. Only the night before Graham had proposed to her and had been refused. She was certain that her aunt, Mrs. Merrivale, had managed to get word to Philip that Nancy had been telegraphed for. His presence here was a part of Mrs. Merrivale's match-making plans.

Had she been left to herself Nancy would have accepted Graham; but, being a young person of spirit, she declined to be forced upon Graham or to have him forced upon her. From the beginning Aunt Merrivale's plans had been too obvious.

They were flying through the yard now. She could not leave the train.



GRAHAM PASSED HER ON HIS WAY TO THE DINING CAR.

Of course Philip would be back later to explain that he was unable to effect an exchange into another car. Probably he would spend the evening across the section from her, and, unlike the men, there was no place to which Nancy could retreat.

She was genuinely surprised when presently a strange porter came for the suit case, placing another in the seat in its place. She smiled to herself with satisfaction. It was plain to be seen that she had shown Graham how she had penetrated his plan, and he had acknowledged his defeat. Idly she wondered if he would leave the train at Philadelphia; then mentally she scolded herself for taking any interest in Philip Graham's movements.

They were well past Philadelphia when Graham passed her on his way to the dining car, and Nancy rather admired him for his persistence in remaining away from her. At least he was too clever to betray his disappointment that his ruse had failed.

The night had settled down. Lights were dull, and reading was impossible. Nancy had answered the first call for dinner, and she resigned herself to idling the long hour until the berths were made up. The message calling her home had been vague in the extreme, and in its very vagueness it was the more alarming. Her father might be dying for all she knew, and she thought bore down upon her.

She was peculiarly sensitive to moods, and the atmosphere of the half deserted car was depressing. Through the closed door of the stateroom at her back came the wailing cry of a baby, to which was occasionally added the more lusty note of a growing child. Across the aisle a man played innumerable games of solitaire, the sharp whirr of the shuffle punctuating his grunting, half audible comments at the run of bad luck. Just ahead two women were discussing dressmaking in shrill tones which rose above the steady rattle of the train, and here and there some man leaned idly back in his seat and turned his newspaper with a rustle that jarred on nerves already at a tension.

Nancy felt that she must scream. She had slept little the night before after

her interview with Philip, and when at last she had been able to doze off she had been aroused to read the telegram calling her home. From then until train time it had been a steady confusion, and the meeting with Philip in the car had added the final touch to her nervous condition.

As he returned from the diner to seek the car ahead she half started from her seat, but sank back in confusion. It would never do to tell Philip that she needed him. He would think that she was seeking to reopen the question of last night, and he would suggest that the need was permanent.

But as the minutes dragged past Nancy's discomfort increased, and at last she signaled the porter and directed him to go after Graham. The porter grinned understandingly as he went forward to the cafe car and presently returned with Graham, whom he presented with the proud air of accomplishment worn by the magician who extracts a rabbit from a hat.

"You are ill?" Philip asked, with grave concern, as he noticed the drawn lips and the feverish sparkle of her eyes.

"Not ill," she explained, "but I shall be presently if I have to sit here and listen to the wailing of those children, with no one to talk to. I thought—perhaps—you wouldn't mind doing a charitable act and talk to me for a little while."

"Philanthropy becomes a pleasure when it assumes so inviting a form," he declared, with a smile, as he sank into the seat beside her.

Graham was a capital conversationalist, and almost before she realized it the porter had begun to take down the berths, and Graham glanced at his watch.

"Don't go yet," pleaded Nancy, and Graham smiled.

"I was going to ask permission to wait until after the next stop," he said. "We can take a little walk on the station platform and get a breath of fresh air before we face the smother of the berths."

"There's the whistle now," said Nancy as she reached for her hat.

The train slowed down, and presently they were pacing up and down the platform. There was a sharpness in the air that was grateful after the overwarming car, and Nancy was sorry when the warning came to get aboard again.

The porter from Graham's car approached them as Nancy resumed her seat. He handed Graham a telegram.

"I wired your father for more particulars," Philip explained when he had read the message. "Your aunt from San Francisco is visiting your father and wished to see you before she returns to the coast."

"Is that all?" Nancy's face expressed the relief she felt. "Isn't it odd I never thought of that? But I never told you that I was worried about father," she added.

"Not in words," he admitted. "I could see it in your face. And now that your mind is set at rest I shall say good night."

Nancy watched him until he had almost reached the end of the aisle; then she ran after him, catching up with him just as he reached the vestibule.

"Is that all you wanted to say?" she asked as she swayed lightly toward him.

"Not all I wanted to say," he replied, "but all that I was permitted to say."

"The rest is permitted, and the answer is 'Yes' this time," was the impulsive reply. "I'll marry you even if Aunt Merrivale does want me to."

And Graham's eyes smiled comprehendingly as he bent and kissed the rosy lips. He was not appreciative of matchmakers himself.

Colors in Dreams.

Red and yellow are the dream colors if Dr. Havelock Ellis is right. No other hues come to the dreamer of dreams. Siroth has declared that red is the most primitive of colors, and long ago protoplasm from which human beings derived their origin on the new earth probably responded to or was affected by red color waves.

In the depth of the sea the algae, or seaweed, are red. With the savage red is the favorite color, and for a bright piece of red calico African savages gladly would give valuable elephant tusks.

Red strikes the note of intense emotions. It is the color of joy, exultation, jubilation. Savages paint themselves red and rejoice at seeing each other in burning hues. German women of the early ages daubed their bodies with brilliant red and yellow and considered themselves most beautifully adorned.

On sacred festivals in Rome and Greece, Pliny records, red was smeared over the statues of Jupiter and was the color of religious rejoicing. The human eyes, it is said, can distinguish 100,000 different hues or colors and can appreciate and differentiate twenty shades of each hue. In other words, the eye is capable of 2,000,000 color impressions.

His Diamonds and His Paste.

Bob Palmer, the comedian, had been originally a billsticker, a fact pretty generally known among his colleagues of the stage. One evening when dressed for the character of Sir Brilliant Fashion he strutted into the green-room with buckles sparkling on his shoes and a fine diamond on his finger. A brother actor inquired if his gems were real. "To be sure they are. I wear nothing but diamonds," was the reply, whereupon Bannister remarked, "I congratulate you, Bob, for I can remember when you wore nothing but paste."

Palmer did not take the joke with becoming good humor, and an angry altercation ensued, which was only broken when Mrs. Jordan cried out: "Why don't you stick him against the wall, Bob? Stick him against the wall!"—London Telegraph.

# HAD TWO MORE PLATES.

And Felt They Saved the Honor of the American Navy.

Every graduating class at Annapolis leaves behind it the fame of certain heroes in the line of physical prowess or mental endeavor. One of these heroes was George Dewey, a fine, manly, athletic youth, the pride of the boxing and fencing masters and the terror of all bullies.

In Dewey's class was a youth of an excellent bent for applied mathematics, but so tender of physique that he often suffered from the rough horseplay of his elders. Dewey took the boy under his protection, and the two became fast friends. They swung their hammocks in the same watch on their graduating cruise and when the ship touched at Liverpool obtained permission to run up to London on a day's leave. By rigid economy the two had scraped together a little more than £2 apiece, and they landed in the English capital arrayed in spick and span new uniforms. A round of sightseeing had reduced their combined capital to 2 sovereigns and their return tickets when their boyish appetites announced the hour of noon.

With the cautious economy of his ancestors the Scotsman suggested a chop-house, but nothing but the best would suit Dewey, and he accordingly steered his chum into the finest hotel he could find.

The two seated themselves at one of the tables and scanned the menu with a magnificent air. The first item that caught their eyes was strawberries and cream, and this, with its reminiscence of home, they proceeded to order.

Now, the time was winter, and strawberries from the hothouse are expensive in London, so it was small wonder that the other guests who had learned the order looked inquiringly at these specimens of the jeunesse doree of the American navy. An Oxford lad who sat next them seemed particularly impressed and turned his large eyes upon them with awe. The strawberries were good, and all went well until the obsequious waiter returned with a bill for £1. The Scotsman nearly collapsed, but Dewey noticed the eyes of the Oxonian upon him and, turning superciliously to the waiter, ordered two more plates.

The middies left with empty pockets, but haughtily conscious that they had saved the honor of the American navy.

# AN ANCIENT HIGHWAY.

England's Great North Road Is Two Thousand Years Old.

Before we reached Hatfield, a few miles out of London, we had already been impressed with the magnificentness of this Great North road, which is said to have been built by a Mr. Caesar, whose headquarters were in Rome at the time. It is the direct route from London to Edinburgh and has been traveled for so many centuries that the earliest histories of England contain accounts of the movement of troops upon it. It is a great thoroughfare for vehicles of all sorts, motorists and cyclists, and in these modern days there are well worn footpaths along either side for pedestrians. We passed scores of motors, and I was told while in England, that the popularity of motoring had noticeably diminished the number of first class travelers by rail. We found the road for its entire length of 400 miles in perfect condition. In many portions the macadam is said to be nine feet thick. Long sections of the road are oiled, and on no part of it was there any appreciable amount of dust. There are few sharp curves, and the grades are so slight that it has become a great thoroughfare for speedsters, with the result that there are many police traps for which one has to watch. We found that we could stop in almost any little village and get information as to just where the traps were located. For instance, they told us at Blois, wade, which is a better looking place than its name, to look out for traps just the other side of Buckden and again in approaching Weston.—Frank Presbrey in Outing Magazine.

Sure Enough Hogs.

Mose, the darky cook of a party of surveyors in eastern Texas, was greatly annoyed by the razorback hogs that roamed around the camp. One evening while he was at the spring a particularly ravenous band of these "play woods rooters" raided the cook tent and ate up everything that was edible and some things that weren't. For several moments after his return from the spring Mose could find no words to express his feelings. "Waal," he finally exclaimed, "de good Lawd suhtainly knowed his business when he named haws 'haws'! De'y sho' is haws!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Amenities of the Fair Sex.

Mrs. A.—I thought Mrs. C was a friend of yours. Mrs. B.—And so she is. Mrs. A.—Well, she isn't. She's a hypocrite. Mrs. B.—How do you know that? Mrs. A.—Because she tried to get me to say something mean about you. Mrs. B.—She did? How? Mrs. A.—Why, she asked me to tell her what I really thought of you.—Chicago News.

His Qualifications.

"He's talking now of becoming an actor."

"Why, he hasn't any qualifications, has he?"

"Oh, yes; a friend of his died recently and left him a fur lined overcoat and high hat."—Philadelphia Press.

Slow Mover.

Blobs—See that messenger boy running the dime novel. He hasn't moved for an hour. Slobs—What an idiot chess player he would make.—Philadelphia Record.



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Thursday, March 26, 1908.

SO WELL did a Massachusetts man sweep buildings belonging to a woman that she bequeathed to him her estate, valued at \$500,000.

JUDGE UMBEL, of Uniontown, has declared the corrupt practices act, passed at the special session of the State Legislature in 1906, unconstitutional.

A WESTERN woman says her husband came home late at night seventy-eight times in succession, and gave a different excuse every time. That husband must be a past-master in diplomacy, if not in the art of truth telling.

THE card of Franklin T. Moyer, Republican candidate for the nomination to the Legislature in this district, appears among the political cards on another page. Mr. Moyer is opposed to the re-election of Senator Penrose and in favor of Local Option.

CHARLES E. INGERSOLL, of Penryn, this county, will be Congressman I. P. Wanger's opponent at the November election. Mr. Ingersoll was a candidate against Mr. Wanger in 1902. He is a member of the Philadelphia bar and is identified with various important business enterprises.

PROFESSOR EDWARD A. ROSS, of the University of Wisconsin, says unless factory and shop conditions are changed materially America is threatened with the appearance of a race of women like those of the peasant class of Russia.

SAYS the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader: "During the last ten years the Pennsylvania Railroad Company spent the prodigious sum of \$528,526,005 for permanent improvements. No question has been raised as to whether it was honestly and wisely expended, but many are dubious if it could be done under a system of Government or State ownership." Very dubious, indeed.

JUDGE LANDIS, of Chicago, has fined a man one cent for writing a dunning postal card to a man who owed him two dollars. The maximum penalty for the offence is five years imprisonment, but the judge fixed the fine at one cent and no costs. This is the same discriminating judge, who, without turning a hair, fined the Standard Oil Company \$29,000,000.

A BILL designed to prevent Christian Scientists or faith healers from practicing in Maryland, unless they pass examinations before the State Medical Board, which will enable them to secure certificates as physicians, or unless they already possess diplomas as graduates from recognized medical colleges, was passed by the Senate of that State last week. The bill had already passed the House after a long and bitter fight, and will now go to Governor Crothers for his approval.

IF the amount of brain energy expended in chasing after hallucinations, in the clamor against those who dare think for themselves upon all subjects, and in the formulation of ways and means to belittle efforts in the line of reason, could be devoted to analyzing a lot of false claims to authority, and in hammering down immorality, deceitfulness, and hypocrisy, this old world would soon become a better world to live in. But the way to the highest possible civilization is a long road, with lots of barbarians—refined and other—lined up on either side.

FEELING quite secure behind the tariff wall, which Congress is in no hurry to tear down, the Paper Trust adds sixty millions to the cost of paper and coolly suggests that the newspaper publishers of the country become accessories to the extortion by advancing subscription prices. The Steel Trust makes the railroads pay \$28 per ton for \$16 rails, and shippers are presumed to reimburse the railroads, while the Trust multiplies its millions of profit on watered stock! All in the name and by the authority of the voters of the United States of America!

U. S. SENATOR PENROSE is critically ill.

THE absolute right of the Federal Courts to pass upon and set aside State railroad rate laws was broadly asserted by the United States Supreme Court, Monday, in two decisions which set aside such laws lately enacted by the Legislatures of Minnesota and North Carolina. The decisions were among the most important ever handed down by the Supreme Court and will probably settle once and for all the contentions that have arisen in the last year between the State and Federal Courts over the right of the latter to interfere with the enforcement of State laws fixing passenger and freight rates, whether on State or interstate traffic.

THE following, from London Truth, contains food for reflection: A century ago drunkenness was a prevalent vice among all classes in England. So little was thought of it that William Pitt could appear in the House of Commons in a state of beastly intoxication while Prime Minister without provoking any unfavorable remark. To-day our upper and middle classes are as sober as any people in the world. How has this change been brought about? Certainly not by acts of Parliament or compulsory restrictions of any kind upon the consumption of liquor. I suppose it is due to the progress of education and refinement, a better understanding of the poisonous effects of alcohol, and the formation of a more wholesome public opinion in consequence. As a matter of fact, the same influences have been working with good and increasing effect in the lower strain of society for twenty years or more past.

IN a speech in New York on St. Patrick's Day, Governor Hughes gave those who have no good words for foreigners a severe rebuke. Said the Governor: "I don't like those men who set aside a few as Americans and say all the rest are foreigners. The few merely got here first. Many a man who has not been here ten years is a better American than some of those whose ancestors came here in the Mayflower. Shame upon the man who climbs up the ladder and tries to kick it down! Shame upon the man who, having come here himself or descended from those did, looks now upon the new comer as a foreigner to be abhorred." Governor Hughes is both able and courageous. The good foreign blood that comes to America should always receive a hearty welcome. The foreigners who simply come here to rail at American institutions and spread discord and unrest among the people, like foreign criminals and idlers, should be returned to their old quarters.

### LETTER FROM MR. KRATZ.

NORRISTOWN, March 23, 1908.

FRIEND MOSER:—Studied efforts are being made to becloud the issue and deceive the people on the question of Local Option. It is not now a question of "License" or "No License," but is preliminary to that great question, and embodies the American principle of fair play and the rule of the majority in counties, townships, boroughs, cities or wards and residential sections thereof, as the case may be. There are hundreds of men who will eventually vote for License who will now vote for Local Option, because they believe in fair play and the rule of the majority. They argue "if Bucks county wants liquor sold, let her sell it; if Chester county does not want it, let her get rid of it." The present agitation is simply for the election of a Legislature that will permit counties, townships, &c., to decide this great question for themselves, and the wonder is that any fair-minded man should oppose it, and yet the Republican organizations of this State and county which have always shouted for the rule of the majority are arrayed against this fair and proper measure. The Republican voters of your (Third) Legislative district will have a chance to decide this question on April 11th, as one of the candidates has declared that he will support a Local Option law. The miserable backdown in this (the Second) district, by which the Republican voters have only one candidate for Assembly to vote for and he by his associations committed to Penrose and against Local Option is a base betrayal of the people of this district, and amply proves what I have always thought and frequently declared, that the leader in last year's revolt is a mere self-seeker without any principle to back him up. We have not been taught to expect anything better (than has been done) from the organization leaders, but we were promised or led to expect wonderful things from the new gang. The wonder is that the organization found it necessary to concede to such a spineless crowd, a Clerk of the Courts, two Commissioners and the Assemblyman in the First district. An old pair of shoes would have about filled the bill. I would advise the clerks in the Commissioners' office to seek jobs elsewhere. Men that betray four thousand voters on the two great issues now before the people of the Commonwealth, are not very apt to keep faith in minor matters. Fighting within party lines is played out; the only remedy is independent action and voting.

C. TYSON KRATZ.

## THE ANTI-TRUST LAW

Mr. Hepburn Introduced Bill in Congress to Amend Act.

GIVES RIGHT TO STRIKE

United States Supreme Court Hands Down Decision Affecting Enforcement of Rate Laws in Two States. Justice Harlan Dissents.

Washington, March 24. — The bill prepared by the National Civic Federation after conferences with the president and representatives of capital and of labor to relieve the stringency of the Sherman anti-trust law, was introduced in the house by Representative Hepburn, of Iowa, chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. It was referred by Speaker Cannon to that committee for consideration and report. It is understood that President Roosevelt, in a message to congress, will make a recommendation concerning it.

One of the most interesting sections of the federation bill is that which seeks to relieve organized labor from the suppressive effects of the recent supreme court decision declaring labor unions to be conspiracies in restraint of trade, and, therefore, unlawful. The bill, broadly speaking, aims to restore to unions their right of peaceable existence, including the right to strike, but leaving them still amenable to the Sherman act in the matter of boycotts, picketing and similar coercive practices. The section is as follows:

"Nothing in said act, approved July 2, eighteen hundred and ninety, or in this act is intended, nor shall any provision thereof be enforced, so as to interfere with or to restrict any right of employees to strike for any cause or to combine or to contract with each other or with employers, for the purpose of peaceably obtaining from employers satisfactory terms for their labor or satisfactory conditions of employment, or so as to interfere with or restrict any right of employers for any cause to discharge all or any of their employees, or to combine or to contract with each other or with employees, for the purpose of peaceably obtaining labor or satisfactory terms."

The bill has been prepared under the auspices of the National Civic Federation in consultation, on the one hand, with the president and other executive officers on the government, and on the other hand with representatives of the business and railroad interests of the country and of organized labor. The effort has been to prepare a bill which in its general scheme would command the support of the president, and which would deal with all interests affected by the Sherman anti-trust law fairly, and, so far as conditions would permit.

### PENROSE CRITICALLY ILL

Physicians Say Senator's Condition Is Very Serious.

Philadelphia, March 25. — United States Senator Penrose, who is ill at his home here, was reported to be in an extremely serious condition. It was stated by his physicians that his temperature was lower, but that otherwise there was no improvement, and his condition was very serious.

The erysipelas of the face that caused so much concern to the physicians has been checked from spreading, but it is said that the poison has involved one or two other spots of the face heretofore not affected. There were reports that the poison of the facial erysipelas had spread to the patient's system, but this could not be confirmed.

### ARSON PLOT UNEARTHED

Burned Hotel to Secure Insurance on Furniture.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March 24. — The confession of two young men confined in the county prison for complicity in the burning of a hotel at Parsons, near this city, on the night of March 13, has revealed, if true, a sensational arson plot. Joseph Morris, the proprietor of the hotel and his wife are, according to the confession, implicated in the crime. Morris was refused a license two weeks ago, and the men assert that he and his wife and a border formed the plot so that they might secure the insurance on the furniture, the building being owned by Martin Moran, from whom Morris rented.

### Losses Voiced Through Grief.

Georgetown, Del., March 25. — To excessive grief Mrs. Jacob Sharp owes the loss of her voice while attending a funeral in Philadelphia. She was talking to friends when, without warning, her words choked in her throat, and she found herself unable to utter another. Medical attendance was procured, and it was discovered that her paroxysm of emotion had paralyzed her throat nerves. The affliction may be permanent unless rest can cure her.

### Burned to Death in Cell.

Little Falls, N. Y., March 23. — Lighting his pipe in his cell in the village jail, John Doherty, of Middletown, accidentally set fire to the mattress of his bed, and before help could reach him he was burned to death. Doherty frantically tried to escape the flames, but the cell door barred the way.

### Price of Coal Reduced.

Philadelphia, March 25. — The Philadelphia Coal Exchange at a meeting in accordance with its usual spring custom, announced a reduction of fifty cents a ton on the price of coal to be effective on April 1.

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## W. JAS. BRYAN DEAD

Florida Statesman Dies of Typhoid Fever at Washington.

WAS IN OFFICE ONLY 73 DAYS

Death of Bishop Fowler—Death Sentence For Harry Orchard—American Battleships to Visit Japan—Fatally Injured in Scuffle.

United States Senator William James Bryan, of Florida, died at Washington of typhoid fever. It was only seventy-three days since he took Senator Stephen R. Mallory, who died Dec. 23, and thirty-three days of that time was spent in his fight against disease. Several times during Mr. Bryan's illness his friends despaired of his recovery, but as late as Saturday night the report was given out that his condition had taken a turn for the better. His death, therefore, came as a surprise and a distinct shock.

In Mr. Bryan the senate loses the seventh member by death since the adjournment of the Fifty-ninth congress on March 4, a year ago. They were the two late senators from Alabama, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Pettus; Mr. Mallory, of Florida; Mr. Latimer, of South Carolina; Mr. Proctor, of Vermont; Mr. Whyte, of Maryland, and Mr. Bryan. Curiously the last two were the oldest and the youngest members of the body. Mr. Whyte was eighty-four years old and Mr. Bryan less than thirty-two.

Although Mr. Bryan was in the senate too short a time to impress his individuality on legislation or to take a prominent part in the consideration of matters in committee, it is conceded that he lived he would have become a forceful part of the minority.

Mr. Bryan was married to Miss Janet Allan, of Lexington, Va.

**Death of Bishop Fowler.**  
Rev. Dr. Charles H. Fowler, bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church, and author of the twentieth century \$21,000,000 thank offering fund, died at his residence in New York.

Bishop Fowler had been critically ill only since last Wednesday. His death was due to heart failure resulting from a complication of diseases.

Rev. Charles Henry Fowler, D. D. LL. D., was born in Burford, Canada, Aug. 11, 1837. His family removed to Illinois in 1841, and the next ten years were spent on a farm in what was then a frontier community. In 1851 young Fowler entered the Rock River seminary and in the spring of 1855 entered Genesee Wesleyan seminary at Lima, N. Y. In the fall of the same year he entered Genesee college, from which he was graduated in 1859.

He had not then decided to adopt the ministry as a profession, and after his graduation from college went to Chicago, where he began the study of law. But he had not well launched in his law studies before he determined that the ministry was his calling. He was made a bishop in 1884. He received the degree of D. D. from Garrett Biblical institute and the degree of LL. D. from the Wesleyan university.

**Rate Laws Void in Two States.**  
The United States supreme court handed down two important decisions, one declaring the Minnesota rate law null and void because of the enormous penalties involved, and the other setting aside the North Carolina railroad rate law as unconstitutional.

The first decision was a denial of the petition of Attorney General Edward T. Young, of Minnesota, for a writ of habeas corpus in the case in which he is held for contempt of court by the United States circuit court of Minnesota, because he refused to abide by an injunction issued by that court forbidding him from taking any action looking to the enforcement of the maximum railroad rate law.

The court at the same time pronounced invalid the Minnesota law regulating both freight and passenger rates. The opinion was announced by Justice Peckham, who held the Minnesota law to be unconstitutional on its face because of the enormous penalties imposed for disobedience to it.

**Blinded by Mine Blast.**  
Robert Carter, of Hudson, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was perhaps fatally injured in the Pine Ridge colliery. Carter, a timberman, was walking through an abandoned breast, when a shot fired in the gangway went off, the flying coal hitting him in the face and blowing out both eyes. The miner, Michael Danko, states that before firing the shot he sent out the required warning, which Carter did not hear.

**Amateur Electrician Killed.**  
Frank Marks, aged sixteen, whose parents reside near Pittsburgh, and who was on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. James A. Davis, at Altoona, Pa., having some knowledge of electrical appliances, went into the cellar at the Davis home to adjust an electric light socket. While so engaged his aunt turned on the current, and the boy was instantly killed by a 120-volt current.

**Finds Missing Son With Gypsy Gang.**  
Leonard Allen, seventeen years old, a simple-minded boy, who disappeared from Middletown, N. Y., two years ago, has been found in a dying condition in a gypsy camp at Fall River, Mass. His mother, Mrs. Mary Allen, will prosecute. The boy wore neither shoes nor stockings when discovered and was taken to a hospital.

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## MURDERED HIS MOTHER

Killed Parent to Get Money to Buy Liquor.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 23.—Grover C. Blake and Orsel Reynolds, of Anderson, Ind., were arrested on the charge of murdering Blake's mother at Anderson. Blake made a confession after his arrest, implicating Reynolds. He said he had been drinking with Reynolds, and they both needed money. He went home and entered the kitchen, where his mother was cooking dinner, according to the confession. Reynolds was standing guard outside. Blake says his mother accused him of drinking, and he went into another room and got a hammer. He returned, noiselessly, crept up behind her and struck her on the back of the head. She fell insensible. Blake says he then opened her dress and grabbed a bag fastened around her neck, which contained money and jewelry.

While he was up stairs changing his clothes, Blake heard a scream. He returned to the kitchen and found Reynolds standing over his mother's body, hammer in hand. He says Reynolds admitted having struck her when she moved. The two young men then came to Fort Wayne, spent the night in carousing, and were arrested just as they were about to board a train for Michigan.

## ALLEGES LIBEL AT FUNERAL

Widower Says Preacher Called Him a Wife-Beater.

Reading, Pa., March 25.—Charging him with making libelous remarks at the funeral of Mrs. Jeremiah Werner, her husband has had Rev. M. H. Stettler, a Lutheran minister, arrested. The latter entered bail in the sum of \$500 for a hearing.

Rev. Mr. Stettler preached the funeral sermon in the Mohnton Lutheran church, when, it is alleged, he said from the pulpit that the husband knocked his wife down a week before she took to her bed.

It is alleged that he also, in his discourse, said that the dead woman did not have shoes or clothing that were fit to wear, and for that reason she did not frequent the house of the Lord as regularly, as did the other sisters of the congregation.

It is also alleged that Rev. Mr. Stettler remarked that "the husband sits unmoved, with no feeling in the presence of the corpse of his helpmeet, and there are other men in the congregation who are no better."

## WILL VISIT CHINA

U. S. Fleet to Be Home on Washington's Birthday Next Year.

Washington, March 25.—The battleship fleet will visit China as well as Australia and Japan, and will be home on Washington's birthday, that President Roosevelt may participate in the welcome before his retirement from office, ten days later.

In deciding at the cabinet session to accept the invitation extended by China, it was also determined that the limit of the social calls had been reached, and that all other invitations, should any be extended, would be declined with appreciative and regretful "thanks."

An earlier departure than July 6 from San Francisco is being contemplated in arranging the extended itinerary. This, however, will depend on the repairs necessary when the ships reach that port.

## Baby's Corpse Sent By Mail

Denver, Colo., March 25.—The postmaster of Portales, New Mexico, reported to the chief postoffice inspector that the tiny body of a dead baby had been found in the mails. The parcel fell out of a pouch with a lot of other mail. Under the lid of the package was found a note, in good handwriting, readings as follows: "I didn't know what else to do. Burn or do something right away. Don't open the package." The package was addressed to Roy W. Carr, at Portales, and the return address read: "Ida Rhodes Carr, Woodstock, Ill." It is believed they are man and wife.

**Boy Killed Trying to Save His Dog.**  
Washington, March 25.—In an attempt to save his dog, William Waugh, the six-year-old son of Charles Waugh, was instantly killed by a Baltimore & Ohio train, near Venetia. The accident was witnessed by the child's aged grandmother, who had kissed him good-bye a moment before. The lad saw the on-coming train, and believing his dog, which was on the railroad track, would be killed, leaped for the animal.

**Labor Injunction Made Permanent.**  
Washington, March 24.—The American Federation of Labor, President Gompers and others of that organization were permanently enjoined from "conspiring, agreeing or combining to restrain, obstruct or destroy" the business of the Bucks Stove and Range company, in a decision rendered by Chief Justice Clabough, of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, making permanent the temporary injunction in that case.

**Woman Gets a Year For Bigamy.**  
Lancaster, Pa., March 23.—Agnes Jane Miller, Lancaster's "Marrying Mary," who pleaded guilty to bigamy, was sentenced to a year's solitary confinement and to pay a fine of \$100. It was shown that Agnes, who is about thirty-four years old, had four living husbands, from only one of whom she was legally divorced.

**Loses 3000 Duck Eggs.**  
Glassboro, N. J., March 24.—Owing to the breaking of a main, the gas went out in the incubator heaters of H. M. Proud, of Glassboro. He lost 3000 duck eggs in the process of hatching.

## Death Sentence For Orchard.

Judge Wood, in the district court at Caldwell, Idaho, sentenced Harry Orchard to death for the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg, and recommended that the board of pardons commute his sentence to imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Because he believed that Orchard in his testimony in the trials of William D. Haywood and George A. Pettibone for the murder of Steunenberg told the exact truth, attempting to conceal nothing, Judge Wood recommended the commutation of the death sentence, which was pronounced in accordance with the plea of guilty entered by Orchard. Judge Wood presided at both the Haywood and Pettibone trials.

Judge Wood, after reading his ruling, formally sentenced Orchard and fixed May 15 as the date for the execution.

## Battleship Fleet Will Visit Japan.

The American battleship fleet is to visit Japan. The desire of the emperor of the Island Kingdom to play host to the "big sixteen" was laid before Secretary Root by Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador. The invitation, which was couched in most cordial terms, was made the subject of extended consideration by President Roosevelt and his entire cabinet. Secretary Root was directed to accept the invitation.

The acceptance of the Japanese invitation is regarded in official circles as of considerable importance in the way of a demonstration of the cordiality existing between the American and Japanese governments. The added trip is nearly equal in distance to a voyage from New York to Europe.

## Fatally Injured in a Scuffle.

Arthur Jester, of the firm of Jester & Jacobs, was fatally injured at Milford, Del., under peculiar circumstances in a scuffle with James Ross, colored. The negro threw a butcher knife at Jester, striking him in the leg. The blade severed an artery and Jester bled to death in a short time. Jester was on his way home when he stopped in a meat market, where he met Ross, whom he playfully hit on the head with a tin basin. Ross told Jester to get out of the way and, turning, picked up a knife, which he tossed toward Jester. After the affair Ross fled and has not been captured.

## Met a Tragic Death.

Arrested in the city of Harrisburg, Pa., as a horse thief and turned over to a York county officer who had a warrant for him, Samuel Knaub, twenty-seven years old, of Beavertown, Pa., dived from the window of a fast moving Northern Central railroad train on his way to York and met a tragic death. He had locked himself in a toilet room and, although handcuffed, dashed himself through the glass in a desperate effort to escape. The suction of the train drew him beneath the wheels and his head was crushed.

## Two Meet Fiery Death.

The bodies of Lydia Carter, of Bordentown, and William Fleck, of Roebeling, were found in the ruins of a farmhouse between Florence and Roebeling, near Burlington, N. J., which was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The burned building was on what is known as the English farm and had been unoccupied for some time. A farmer who looked into the ruins saw the body of the Carter woman and later the coroner in making an examination found the body of Fleck. The pair were seen together Saturday.

## Boy's Leg Torn Off By Wagon.

Ammon, the seven-year-old son of Harvey Bomberger, of Palmyra, Pa., lost his left leg, which was torn off at the knee in the wheel of a wagon into which he was in the act of climbing. The accident occurred beyond Palmyra, and although the injured lad did not reach the hospital until two hours had elapsed he did not lose consciousness, displaying remarkable fortitude. Amputation of the leg above the knee was necessary and there is hope of his recovery.

## Dry Victory in Maryland.

Worcester county, the home of U. S. Senator-elect John Walter Smith, head of the Democratic organization in Maryland, at a special election went "dry" by a vote of 2901 for prohibition and 846 against.

Prohibition now prevails in every county on the Eastern Shore and the entire peninsula from the Pennsylvania border to the Virginia border is dry.

## Hundreds Drown.

The Matsu Maru, an 800-ton coasting steamer belonging to the Yusen Kaisha line, was sunk in a collision with the Hideoyoshi Maru, 696 tons, near Hakodate, Japan.

The captain of the Matsu Maru, a majority of her 244 passengers and forty-three of the crew perished.

## Gray Wolf Killed in Chicago.

An animal, declared by several persons to be a gray timber wolf, was shot on the street in Chicago by Roy Bairstow, nineteen years old. The animal was killed while traversing a residential quarter.

## Shot to Death While He Slept.

Fred. Dolph, of Clinton, Ia., was shot to death while he slept. His head was blown off with a shotgun, placed against his cheek. Mrs. Dolph is under arrest.

## Arbor Days in Pennsylvania.

Governor Stuart issued a proclamation designating April 3 and 24 as Arbor Days in Pennsylvania.

## SHAFFER NOT GUILTY

Methodist Minister Exonerated by Conference Trial.

THE CHARGES NOT SUSTAINED

Was Then Honored By Methodist Conference With Election As Delegate to General Conference at Baltimore. Mrs. Deichley May Sue.

Philadelphia, March 25.—Rev. William H. Shaffer was completely exonerated of the charges against him by the verdict of the trial committee of fifteen clergymen, announced at the session of the Philadelphia Methodist conference here. The decision reads as follows:

"The select committee appointed to try Rev. William H. Shaffer, presiding elder of the west district, in the Philadelphia annual conference, on charges of unbecoming conduct, find that the charges are not sustained."

Dr. Shaffer was given further evidence of the faith of the conference in him when, immediately following the reading of the verdict, he was elected on the first ballot to attend the general conference to be held in Baltimore next May as one of the seven delegates from the Philadelphia conference.

The announcement of the result of the election was received with great jubilation by the friends of Dr. Shaffer in the conference. They assert that in view of this tribute from the members of the conference Bishop Cranston cannot do otherwise than reinstate Dr. Shaffer as presiding elder of the west district.

From the verdict of the select committee of fifteen preachers appointed to try Dr. Shaffer there is no appeal. It is final. The select committee is virtually the Philadelphia conference, so far as the accused presiding elder is concerned, and the other members of the conference simply heard it.

During the reading of the verdict Dr. Shaffer sat at the right side of the church, near the platform. His face betrayed no emotion while the verdict was being read. The conference proceeded to an old Methodist custom of "passing the accused's character."

"All in favor of passing his character, please rise," said Bishop Cranston. Every member of the conference arose. Then the ministers arose in a body to sing, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and followed this with "A Charge to Keep I Have."

Mrs. Deichley May Sue.

Reading, Pa., March 25.—Mrs. Martha J. Deichley, who is postmistress at Morgantown, this county, regrets the verdict rendered in the case against former Presiding Elder William H. Shaffer as a complete vindication for her. She has all along maintained that the letter on which the case was based was a forgery and she views the action of the presiding officer of the investigation in ruling it out as supporting her position. Mrs. Deichley says that she knows that she has enemies, and that they took this means of bringing her into disrepute in Morgantown and particularly in the Methodist church, in which she has always been an active worker. Mrs. Deichley is now considering the matter of bringing a slander suit against some leading ministers of the Methodist conference.

## 2140 MEN DISCHARGED

Sweeping Reduction in Pennsylvania's Altoona Shops.

Altoona, Pa., March 24.—Because of the continued depression in business the Pennsylvania Railroad company indefinitely suspended 2140 Altoona shop employees. From the car shop 690 men were taken; Juniata locomotive shops 788; South Altoona foundries, 296; Altoona machine shops 336.

Before the suspension 11,000 men were employed in all departments. At the same time an order was issued increasing the working time of all the men retained to nine hours a day and five hours on Saturday, or fifty hours a week.

## 150 Laid Off at Harrisburg.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 24.—Over 150 employees of the Pennsylvania railroad shops in this city were laid off indefinitely because of the slackness of work. The men have been told to leave their addresses. It is said that further reductions among yard and repair men will be made.

## TOBACCO WAR SETTLED?

Agreement to End Night Riding in Kentucky.

Cincinnati, March 25.—And end to the night riding in Kentucky has been brought about through a formal agreement reached between the American Tobacco company and the executive committee of the Society of Equity in a conference at Winchester, Ky., according to apparently authoritative statements made here by members of the American Society of Equity.

Nearly \$14,000,000 and the purchase of the entire crops of 1906 and 1907 on the one side, and no planting of a crop for the year 1908 on the other, are points in the agreement.

## Colliery to Resume After Long Idleness

Shamokin, Pa., March 25.—Official notice was made that the Natalie colliery which has been idle four years through warring stockholders in New York and Pittsburgh, would resume operation April 3, giving employment to 700 men and boys.



## Farm and Garden

### THE EARLY GARDEN.

First Dainties of the Year For Home Table and Market.  
By FRANK DEVON.

Novelties may come and go, fads and fancies wax and wane, but when early gardening time arrives a few items there are that are sure of a place on the programme. The earliest tyro in gardening feels that radishes and lettuce are never better than when pulled in the dewy freshness of a late spring or early summer morning and used at once. Both are hardy and thrive best in cool weather. Therefore the earlier they are safely grown the more satisfaction in them.

To secure radishes in their ideal state they should be sown in rich, well tilled soil. The secret of tender, crisp quali-



EARLY LETTUCE, MIGNONETTE.

ty in a radish is rapid growth and pulling it just to the minute when ready for use, no later. And the source of the rapid growth is a "quick," mellow soil.

While lettuce may be sown very early in the open, every ambitious gardener nowadays recognizes the value of indoor germination and transplanting. For tomatoes we use plants that were started inside as a matter of course, and by waiting for lettuce till it grows from seed outside we lose a large part of a possible season.

For an early crop lettuce seeds may be sown in a window box, hotbed, frame or greenhouse and the young plants transplanted to stand 2 by 2 inches apart as soon as the seed leaves are well expanded. When they begin to crowd they are transferred to their permanent places in the open, if the weather will permit.

Varieties of lettuce, many of pretty equal merit, number up into the hundreds. Somewhat unique in this extensive collection is the hardy Mignonette, a very delicious "first early" kind of comparatively recent introduction. Distinguished quality recommends Mignonette, for it is exceedingly sweet, tender and crisp. Its small size and dark outer leaves do not present any particular attraction as far as appearance goes. But it is a quick and reliable grower for earliest spring and for fall sowing.

May King, one of the newer lettuces recommended for cold frame and earliest outdoor growth, will produce splendid globular heads of unexcelled flavor.

Tender Heart, another newcomer, is introduced as very early, very hardy, of extra fine quality and attractive and appetizing appearance.

Golden Queen, a small "first early" variety, is a "butter" lettuce, color a beautiful rich golden green, quality excellent, a favorite variety, especially valuable to market gardeners.

Black Seeded Tennis Ball, one of the "old reliables," succeeds everywhere and at all seasons. Hardy and extremely early, small, hard heading and of delicious flavor, it is one of the most popular of lettuces in both private and market gardens.

Shape seems to classify the radishes under the varieties of globe, round or turnip shaped, olive and oval shaped and long or half long, with the first two divisions rather in the ascendant for popular use at present.

French Breakfast has long been a standard among the best of extra early



FRENCH BREAKFAST RADISH.

kinds. Rocket radishes are recent variations in this type. French Breakfast is the familiar olive shaped, red or pink radish with white tip.

The little dark red, round radishes under various names find great favor, and Golden Yellow is a new olive shape of fine quality.

Long Scarlet Short Top and Brightest Scarlet White Tipped excellently represent the long variety.

Any and all of these appetizing relishes of the well regulated table are so easily grown that it is a pity not to have them fresh from the garden.

#### Fumigating Nursery Stock.

All nursery stock which is under the least suspicion of contamination with the San Jose scale should be fumigated, and it is perhaps worth while to fumigate in any case to give the utmost assurance of safety to the purchaser, suggests an authority on this subject.

### PIG MAN'S EASY JOB.

Average Family Eats a Quarter Ton of Pork in a Year.

By Professor HARRY HAYWOOD, Delaware.

That pork production is an important agricultural industry is shown by the fact that in the year 1900 the average private family ate a little over half a ton of meat, nearly half of which was pork. This fact is explained by another fact—pigs for various reasons are more profitable animals to raise than beef steers or sheep and on this account always have occupied a prominent place in American agriculture.

In the first place, pigs are more prolific than any other class of farm animals. They mature more quickly and can therefore be turned off sooner than any other live stock save poultry. Again, the pig produces its meat upon considerably less feed than any other meat producing animal, much of which feed could not be used advantageously in any other way. A pound of pork can be produced upon half the amount of feed that is required to produce a pound of beef and two-thirds as much as it requires to make a pound of mutton. Another point in favor of the pig is that the percentage of dressed weight is higher in pork than in either beef or mutton.

There is probably no branch of animal husbandry that can be taken up with as small capital as raising pigs. They can be kept in comparatively large numbers in small inclosures or they will do well on pasture, which furnishes part of their feed, and they are subject to but few diseases. As population increases the demand for pork will also increase. It is one of our most palatable and nourishing meats.

Practical experience shows that one good man can handle quite a large herd of hogs if he will properly arrange his pasturing and feeding systems. Some pasture seems essential to success. This calls for a very small area of tillable ground per head, which in course of time should become very rich and productive from the droppings of the animals and the growing of legumes for feed.

### CEREAL NOTES.

Productive and Earliest Spring Wheats—Quality in Wheat.

For many years the experimental farms of Canada have pursued most systematic, careful and extensive work



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with cereals. This year's report contains the following in regard to the most productive varieties of spring wheat and the earliest varieties. Excluding the durum wheats, the following varieties of wheat have shown unusual productiveness for a series of years on this farm (Central, Ottawa): Preston, Pringle's Champlain, Huron, Herisson Bearded and Bishop. The first four of these are red wheats with bearded heads. Bishop is a white wheat and is beardless. Of the five varieties Pringle's Champlain is probably the best for the production of strong flour.

Somewhat lower in yield, but superior in the strength of their flour, are Red Fern (bearded), Red Fife (beardless) and White Fife (beardless).

Several very early varieties of spring wheat are being grown on this farm, but they are not at present recommended for general cultivation. Farmers should remember that extreme earliness is frequently associated with a rather small yield, short straw, liability to rust or some other defect to which the more vigorous wheats are less subject.

The earliest wheats which are as yet included in the regular distribution of seed grain from this farm are Pringle's Champlain, Preston, Huron, Stanley and Percy. These are all somewhat earlier than Red Fife. Stanley and Percy are beardless sorts.

The practical identity of the flour made from White Fife wheat with that produced from Red Fife wheat has been established. It has also been shown that these two varieties produce flour of the very highest baking strength.

Among the winter wheats it has been shown that Turkey Red yields flour of quite remarkable strength, very little inferior to Red Fife.

#### Brome Grass.

Brome grass (*Bromus inermis*) is at present of most importance in the Dakotas and sections adjoining these states, but is grown to some extent throughout the general region from Kansas north to the Canadian boundary and west to the Pacific coast. Its importance in the timothy region is as yet very limited.

### THE WORLD OF HOMER.

Ancient Idea of the Earth and Its Margin of Water.

Let us consider for one moment what the idea of the world was—not, indeed, at the earliest period of which we have any knowledge, but at the dawn of written history or of written history among that Indo-Germanic people whose descendants have overspread so much of the earth. The world of Homer was a small, flat surface, in which civilization was hemmed in by foreign races, who again were surrounded by a great ocean or river over which no man had ever passed. The world of which Homer had any definite notion was Greece—a Greece which hardly extended as far as the Balkans on the north and which scarcely included the Levant and the islands in the Aegean sea. No doubt he had some general acquaintance with a world beyond these narrow limits. He knew, at any rate, some of the leading features of northern Africa. He had heard, as was only natural, of Egypt, whose civilization had made such marked advances and was exercising so much influence. He had some knowledge of the great river on whose recurring floods Egypt depends for her prosperity. He had even heard of the pygmies and of the Ethiopians who dwelt higher up its stream. Some reports had reached him of southern Italy. But it is hopeless to attempt to fit the geography of Homer to the actual facts. If a man were to search today for the precise spot on which Captain Lemuel Gulliver was wrecked in the first of his famous voyages he would find that the Lilliput of Swift was in the heart of Australia, and much in the same way, to quote Mr. Gladstone's language, "the key to the great contrast between the outer geography of Homer and the facts of nature lies in the belief of Homer that a great sea occupied the space where we know the heart of the European continent to lie."

It is another indication of the smallness of Homer's world that the ten years' war, of which he has given us the concluding episode, was not, as even Herodotus has described it, one of the opening chapters of the great struggle which has endured throughout historic times between east and west, but a contest between men of common origin. It is not a mere poetical license which makes Greeks and Romans address one another in the same language. Yet the world of Homer, small as it seems to us, seemed large to him. Compared with the mighty oceans which men now traverse the Mediterranean is but a little landlocked sea. The Mediterranean of the "Iliad" was only the Aegean, yet for Homer it had terrors which the Atlantic has not for us.—Sir Spencer Walpole in Contemporary Review.

#### Jack's Lucky Bag.

The annual publication of the brigade of midshipmen at Annapolis goes by the name of "The Lucky Bag," even as that of the corps of cadets at West Point bears the military appellation of "The Howitzer." On board ship is kept what is called a lucky bag. Into this are put all sorts of articles that are left around the decks or out of their proper places by the men. At the end of each month the lucky bag is opened, and the men who have lost different articles gather around it in the hope that they have been lucky enough to have had their possessions find their way into the lucky bag. At the end of the month the bag generally is filled with a great variety of articles. In it are jackknives, pairs of shoes, plugs of chewing tobacco, sewing kits, caps, photographs, writing materials, and so on through practically the entire list of the sailor's possessions.—New York Tribune.

#### Deplorable Levity.

"We students can stand a good many things," said the college girl, "but this last missionary was too much for us. He preached on the glories of the missionary calling for women. He told us we ought all of us to go and help the heathen. That was all right."

"But then he worked up to a glowing finish. 'Now, I appeal to you, as college women, how much better than mere learning and mere books it is to go forth into the world and become fishers of men!'"

"That was too much. Of course we smiled. In fact, some of us snickered audibly. Then the missionary complained to 'prexy' that he couldn't help noticing a deplorable spirit of levity apparent among the students."—Philadelphia Ledger.

#### America on Top.

Some years ago, while on a tour through Europe, Sir Henry Roscoe paid a visit to Vesuvius, which was at the time in eruption. He there met an American, who spoke in depreciatory terms of the magnificent spectacle.

"Well," remarked Sir Henry, "when all is said and done, you have nothing like this in America."

"No," replied the other, "but we have a river that would put the whole darned thing out in five minutes."

#### On Terra Firma.

"What does become of all the pins?" cried Mrs. X, as she vainly sought for one on her dressing table.

"I know, mamma," cried her little son, who had just begun to study Latin. "They fall to the earth and become ter-rapins."—Harper's Weekly.

#### This Earthly Stage.

"The sun," remarked the kindly citizen, "shines for all."

"And that's what worries some people," averred the caustic citizen. "They seem to think the sun ought to be handled as a spot light."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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